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## Utrecht mayor: 3 people have died, in shooting attack

A body is covered with a white sheet after a shooting in a tram in Utrecht, Netherlands, Monday, March 18, 2019. Police in the central Dutch city of Utrecht say on Twitter that "multiple" people have been injured as a result of a shooting in a tram in a residential neighborhood.

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## Pentagon lists possible project cuts to pay for wall

By **ALAN FRAM** and **LOLITA C. BALDOR**

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Pentagon sent a 20-page list of military construction projects to Congress on Monday that might be slashed to pay for President Donald Trump's wall along the Mexican border. Democrats expressed hope that by knowing which local projects could be targeted, lawmakers would be likelier to override Trump's veto of a measure aimed at preventing the cuts.

"Now that members of Congress can see the potential impact this proposal could have on projects in their home states, I hope they will take that into consideration before the vote to override the President's

veto," Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, top Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in a statement.

With the House scheduled to vote Tuesday on overriding Trump's veto, the spokeswoman for the top GOP vote counter predicted the president will prevail anyway. "House Republicans have stood strongly with President Trump on securing our nation's border and overwhelmingly supported his emergency declaration by large margins when we voted on this weeks ago; this will not change," said Lauren Fine, spokeswoman for No. 2 House GOP leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana.

The Pentagon document listed hundreds of projects



In this March 11, 2019 photo, construction crews replace a section of the primary wall separating San Diego, above right, and Tijuana, Mexico, below left, seen from Tijuana, Mexico.

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envisioned around the U.S. and world worth around \$12.9 billion. Not all will be subject to cuts, the Defense Department wrote, making it difficult to determine exactly which would be vulnerable.

The list included more than \$100 million for water treatment plant improvements at Camp Lejeune and airfield security and other work at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in North Carolina. That is the home state to Republican Sen. Thom Tillis, who initially said he opposed Trump's emergency but voted for it. Tillis, who could face a tough re-election fight next year, said the White House had shown a willingness to consider curbing presidential powers to declare future emergencies.

Also listed were an air traffic control tower at Fort Benning, Georgia; a maintenance hangar at Travis Air Force Base in California; and a drone hangar at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea.

In their initial votes, the

House and Senate both fell short of the two-thirds majorities that will be needed to override Trump's veto. That suggests the override effort will fail unless the political tide shifts.

Trump declared a national emergency at the Mexican boundary last month after Congress limited him to just under \$1.4 billion to build border barriers. He invoked a law that would let him siphon other budget funds — \$3.6 billion from military construction — to build the structures and fulfill his prime 2016 campaign promise.

The House voted to block his emergency by 245-182 in February. The Senate followed last week by 59-41, including a dozen GOP defections. Lawmakers expressed concerns that Trump was ignoring Congress' constitutional control over spending and worries about the cuts' impact back home. Trump vetoed the bill Friday.

In a letter accompanying the list, Defense Department officials said they

wouldn't touch items for which money would be awarded by the Sept. 30 end of this fiscal year or for projects like housing. They didn't specify which would be exempted.

Even so, Democrats latched onto the potential cuts to drum up support for the veto override.

"What President Trump is doing is a slap in the face to our military that makes our border and the country less secure," Reed said.

Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois, Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Hawaii's Brian Schatz said, "This madness will not stop until more of our Republican colleagues are willing to put the military ahead of party politics."

A spokesperson for Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the Armed Services panel, said the document "is not a list of projects that will definitively be impacted." She said Inhofe will continue working with defense officials to find targets "without negatively affecting any military construction projects." □

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## Sharpton, family seek change a year after Stephon Clark died

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— Standing beside the family of a 22-year-old black man who was fatally shot by police a year ago Monday, the Rev. Al Sharpton called for California to make it easier to prosecute officers who kill civilians and to require that all cases go before a grand jury.

"The legacy is we're going to pass legislation in Stephon's name, the legacy is that we won't stop fighting for justice in Stephon's name," Sharpton said, referring to Stephon Clark. "You might have killed him a year ago, but you can't kill a movement."

Sharpton spoke on the steps of the Capitol alongside Clark's brother, mother and grandmother, as well family attorney Ben Crump, who is known for representing the families of young black men killed by police. Two Sacramento officers responding to calls of someone breaking car windows shot Clark a year ago in his grandparents' backyard. Local and state prosecutors announced earlier this month that they would not charge the officers because police thought Clark had a gun and feared for their lives. Clark was holding only a cellphone.

His death prompted intense protests in the capital city, with marchers shutting down a highway ramp and blocking fans from entering the downtown arena where the Sacramento Kings play. It also drew the attention of Sharpton and Crump, who represented the family of Trayvon Martin.

Now Sharpton, Crump and the family are calling for sweeping changes to California laws dealing with

police shootings. They're backing legislation by San Diego Assemblywoman Shirley Weber that would change the standard for when police can use deadly force.

The measure says police must have a "reasonable" need to open fire, instead of a "necessary" one. Weber proposed it last year after Clark's death, but the Democratic-led Senate blocked it from moving forward.

Sharpton said such a change likely would have required the officers who shot Clark to show there was no other alternative than shooting him.

He also called for lawmakers to require all police shooting investigations to be heard by a grand jury. A 2017 law requires that grand jury transcripts be made public in police shooting cases when the officers aren't indicted, but prosecutors can decide whether to press charges on their own.

No such legislation has been introduced, but Sen. Steven Bradford said he's in "discussions" about it.

Police unions do not support changing the use-of-force standards and are backing their own measure that would enhance officer training, with an emphasis on trying to calm suspects first.

The California Police Chiefs Association did not comment on the grand jury idea.

The Sacramento Police Department this month released transcripts of the interviews done with the officers in the hours after the shooting. Both described thinking Clark had a gun.

Crump said Clark's death and the failure to charge the officers is an example

of police discrimination against young black men. He noted white men have committed far worse crimes than vandalism, such as mass shootings, and come out alive.

The announcements that they wouldn't be charged sparked new protests, including one in which police arrested 84 people in a wealthy Sacramento neighborhood. District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert, who declined to indict the officers, chose not to press charges against anyone arrested.

Clark's family has called for peaceful demonstrations. "Let's march peacefully, because they want us to act ugly," said SeQuita Thompson, Clark's grand-



The Rev. Al Sharpton, second from right, accompanied by Stevante Clark, center, the brother of police shooting victim Stephon Clark, and attorney Benjamin Crump, left, talks to reporter after a news conference Monday, March 18, 2019, in Sacramento, Calif.

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mother. "Let's stand tall justice one day for all our and proud, for we will get loved ones." □

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# White House proposes caps on student loan borrowing

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**  
AP Education Writer

The Trump administration on Monday proposed new limits on federal student loans taken out by parents and graduate students as part of a broader proposal to curb the cost of college. White House officials included the plan in a list of suggested changes to the Higher Education Act, a sweeping federal law that governs student lending. The legislation is getting its first overhaul from Congress in more than a decade.

Ivanka Trump, the daughter and adviser of President Donald Trump, unveiled the plan at a meeting of the National Council for the American Worker, an advisory group that Ivanka Trump helps lead.

"We need to modernize our higher-education system to make it more affordable, flexible and outcomes-oriented, so all Americans, young and old, can learn the skills they need to secure and retain good-paying jobs," Ivanka Trump said on a call with reporters.

A primary goal of the proposal is to curb the growth of college tuition rates and reduce the nation's student debt load, which has reached nearly \$1.5 trillion



In this Sept. 25, 2017 file photo, Ivanka Trump stands before President Donald Trump signs a memorandum to expand access to STEM, science technology engineering and math, education, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

and has more than tripled since 2003.

The White House's proposed solution is to cap federal loan programs available to students' parents and to graduate students. The plan doesn't propose specific limits, but officials suggested it could vary based on academic program.

Underpinning that idea is a belief that colleges are largely responsible for the nation's debt woes. The White House says easy access to federal aid has led colleges to drive up prices, adding that they are "unable or unwilling" to make education more afford-

able.

Colleges often argue they have been forced to raise tuition to make up for reduced funding from their states. Many Democrats have echoed that position, with some calling for greater government support for schools.

Sen. Patty Murray, the top Democrat on the Senate education committee, says the plan misses the "root cause" of the problem: "that college costs are rising exponentially and most students can't afford college without taking on massive amounts of debt." "In fact, this proposal would end up hurting students

by reducing the amount of federal aid for students and taking billions out of the pockets of borrowers," she said.

Borrower advocates said they welcome attention to the topic but don't think the White House plan will help. Federal loans for students' parents and graduate students total about \$25 billion a year, compared to \$151 billion in total federal student loans.

James Kvaal, president of the nonprofit Institute for College Access & Success, said the plan takes the wrong approach, adding that there's "no evidence" the availability of federal loans has led to higher college costs.

"The solution is to invest more in Pell scholarships for low-income students, to work with states to make public colleges and universities more affordable," said Kvaal, who is also a former policy adviser to President Barack Obama.

White House officials say they also want to simplify the loan repayment process, a goal shared with Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., who chairs the Senate education committee and is leading the push to update the Higher Educa-

tion Act. "I share the administration's goals to make a college education worth it and to make it simpler to apply for federal student aid and pay back student loans," he said.

Several items on the White House's wish list were also included in the Education Department's budget proposal for next year, including the elimination of public service loan forgiveness, a program that can erase debt for certain borrowers after 120 months of repayment.

Instead, the White House says all federal borrowers should get undergraduate debt wiped clean after 180 months of repayment.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos praised the White House plan as "an important roadmap for working with Congress to rethink higher education and pass meaningful reforms." She added that legislation to simplify lending "should be passed immediately."

The White House is also asking Congress to make federal Pell grants available to be used in short-term certificate programs, and to take other steps intended to help workers gain skills outside of traditional colleges and universities. □

# Suspect in mob boss hit flashes pro-Trump slogans on hand

By WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press

**TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP)** — The man charged with killing the reputed boss of the Gambino crime family wrote pro-Donald Trump slogans on his hand and flashed them to journalists before a court hearing Monday.

Anthony Comello, 24, was arrested Saturday in New Jersey in the death of Francesco "Franky Boy" Cali last week in front of his Staten Island home.

While waiting for a court hearing to begin in Toms River, New Jersey, in which he agreed to be extradited to New York, Comello held up his left hand.

On it were scrawled pro-Trump slogans including "MAGA Forever," an abbreviation of Trump's campaign slogan "Make America Great Again." It also read "United We Stand MAGA" and "Patriots In Charge." In the center of his palm he had drawn a large circle. It was not immediately clear why he had done so.

Comello's lawyer, Brian Neary, would not discuss the writing on his client's hand, nor would he say whether Comello maintains his innocence. Asked by reporters after the hearing what was on Comello's hand, Neary replied, "Handcuffs."

He referred all other questions to Comello's Manhat-

tan lawyer, Robert Gottlieb, who said in an emailed statement his client has been placed in protective custody due to "serious threats" that had been made against him, but gave no details of them. Ocean County officials could not immediately be reached after hours on Monday.

"Mr. Comello's family and friends simply cannot believe what they have been told," Gottlieb said. "There is something very wrong here and we will get to the truth about what happened as quickly as possible." The statement did not address the writing on Comello's hand, and a lawyer from Gottlieb's firm declined to comment further Monday evening.

Comello sat with a slight smile in the jury box of the courtroom Monday afternoon as dozens of reporters and photographers filed into the room. When they were in place, Comello held up his left hand to display the writings as the click and whirr of camera lenses filled the room with sound.

During the hearing, Comello did not speak other than to say, "Yes, sir" to the judge to respond to several procedural questions.

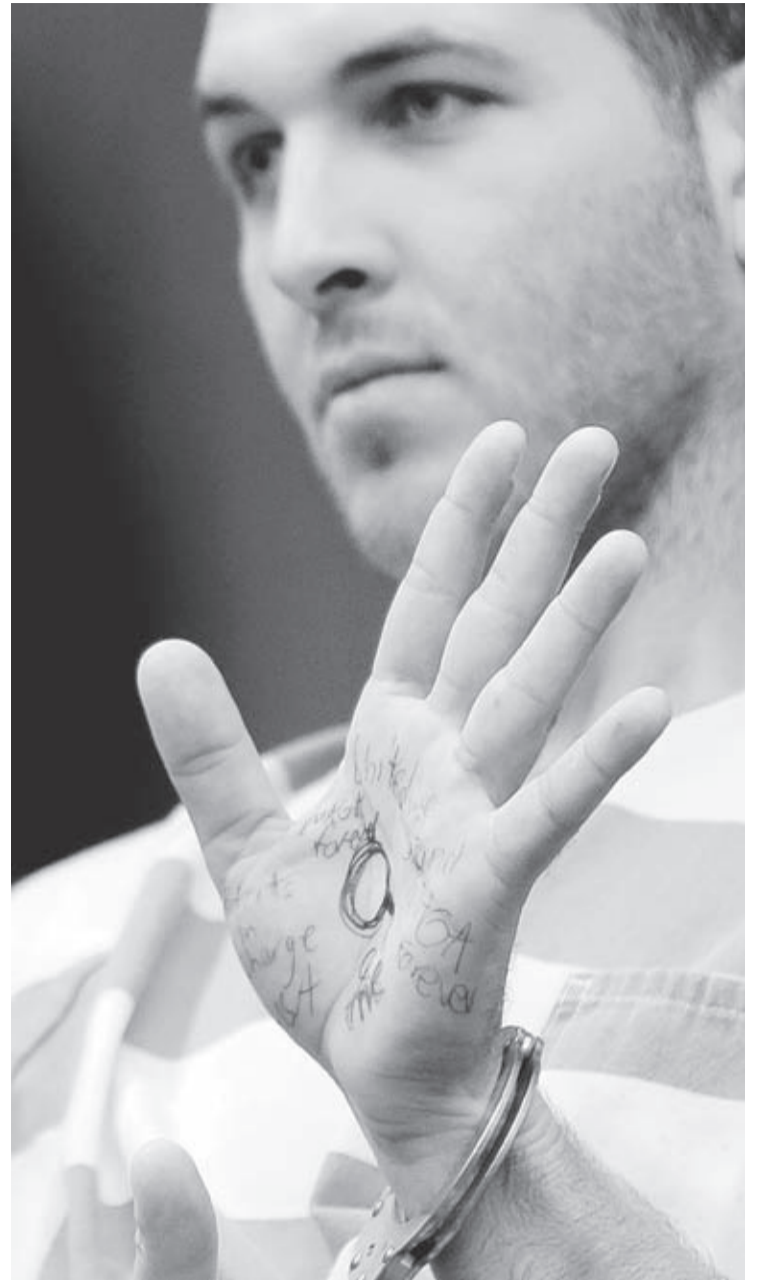
Cali, 53, was shot to death last Wednesday by a gunman who may have crashed his truck into Cali's car to lure him outside. Po-

lice said Cali was shot 10 times.

Federal prosecutors referred to Cali in court filings in 2014 as the underboss of the Mafia's Gambino family, once one of the country's most powerful crime organizations. News accounts since 2015 said Cali had ascended to the top spot, though he was never charged with leading the gang. His only mob-related conviction came a decade ago, when he was sentenced to 16 months in prison in an extortion scheme involving a failed attempt to build a NASCAR track on Staten Island. He was released in 2009 and hasn't been in legal trouble since then.

Police have not yet said whether they believe Cali's murder was a mob hit or whether he was killed for some other motive.

The last Mafia boss to be rubbed out in New York City was Gambino don "Big Paul" Castellano, who was assassinated in 1985. □



Anthony Comello displays writing on his hand during his extradition hearing in Toms River, N.J., Monday, March 18, 2019. Associated Press

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# Homes flood as Missouri River overtops, breaches levees

By **HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH**

**Associated Press**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —**

Hundreds of homes flooded in several Midwestern states after rivers breached at least a dozen levees following heavy rain and snowmelt in the region, authorities said Monday while warning that the flooding was expected to linger.

About 200 miles of levees were compromised — either breached or overtopped — in four states, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said. Even in places where the water level peaked in those states — Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas — the current was fast and the water so high that damage continued to pile up. The flooding was blamed for at least three deaths.

“The levees are busted and we aren’t even into the wet season when the rivers run high,” said Tom Bullock, the emergency management director for Missouri’s Holt County.

He said many homes in a mostly rural area of Holt County were inundated with 6 to 7 feet (1.8 to 2.1 meters) of water from the swollen Missouri River. He noted that local farmers are only a month away from planting corn and soybeans.

“The water isn’t going to be gone, and the levees aren’t going to be fixed this year,” said Bullock, whose own home was now on an island surrounded by floodwater.

One couple was rescued by helicopter after water from three breached levees swept across 40,000 acres (16,188 hectares), he said. Another nine breaches were confirmed in Nebraska and Iowa counties south of the Platte River, the Corps said.

In Atchison County, Missouri, about 130 people were urged to leave their homes as water levels rose and strained levees, three of which had already been overtopped by water. Missouri State Highway Patrol crews were on standby to rescue anyone who insisted

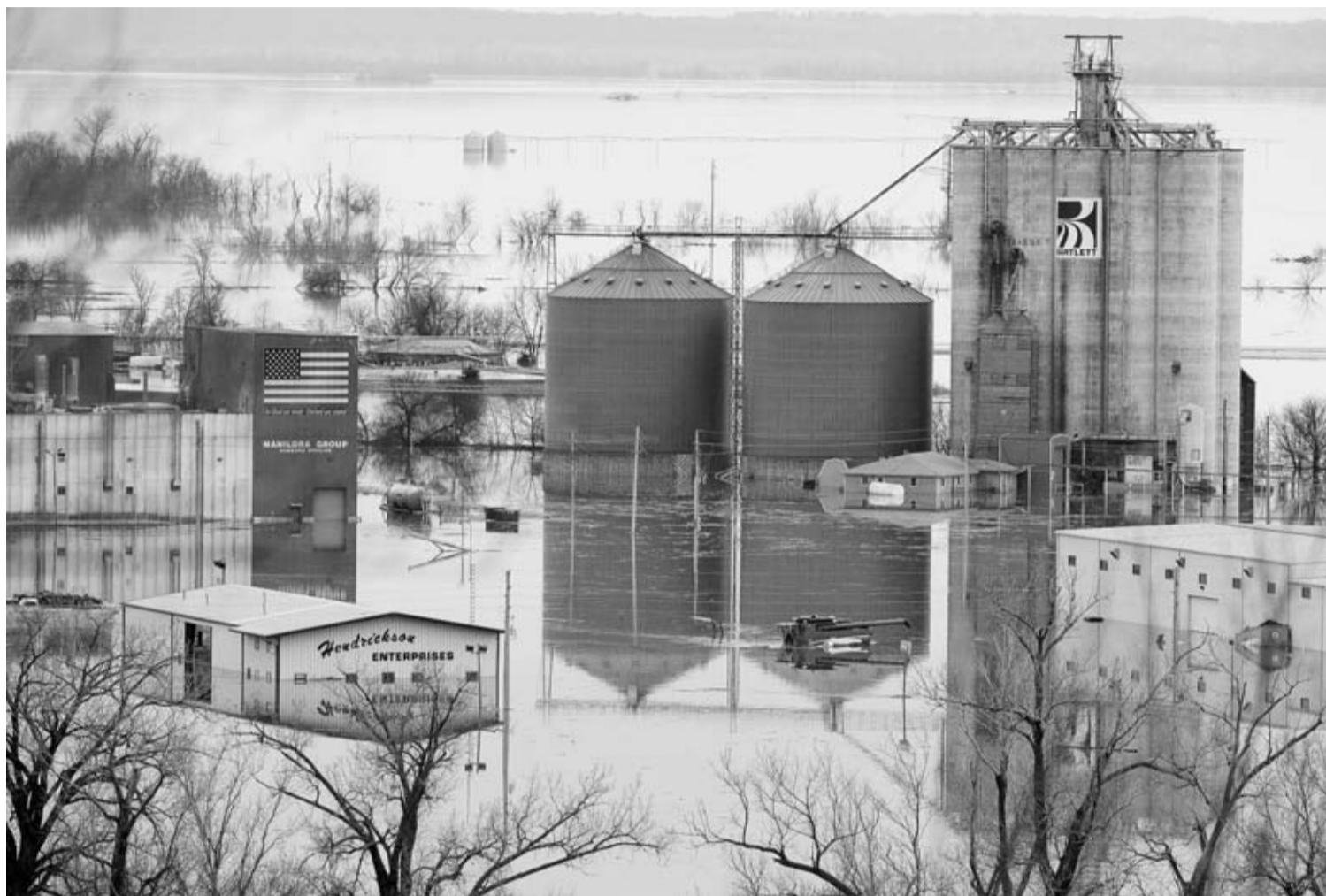
on staying despite the danger.

“The next four to five days are going to be pretty

management director, Mike Crecelius, said Monday that more water was flooding into low-lying parts

clared an emergency and asked residents to help fill 1 million sandbags in response to a weather ser-

when the vehicle he was in went around a barricade. On Thursday, Columbus farmer James Wilke, 50,



**Floodwaters surround buildings on the southwest side of Hamburg, Iowa, Sunday, March 17, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

rough,” said Rhonda Wiley, Atchison County’s emergency management and 911 director.

The Missouri River already crested upstream of Omaha, Nebraska, though hundreds of people remained out of their homes and water continued to pour through busted levees. Flooding was so bad around Fremont, Nebraska, that just one lane of U.S. 30 was uncovered outside the city of 26,000. State law enforcement limited traffic on that road to pre-approved trucks carrying gas, food, water and other essential supplies.

“There are no easy fixes to any of this,” said Fremont City Administrator Brian Newton. “We need Mother Nature to decrease the height of the river.”

In southwest Iowa, the Missouri River reached a level in Fremont County that was 2 feet (0.6 meter) above a record set in 2011.

The county’s emergency

of Hamburg, where a wall of sand-filled barriers was breached when one failed. President Donald Trump tweeted Monday that he is staying in close contact with Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem about the flooding.

Reynolds, touring flood-ravaged areas of the state for the second straight day, warned that flooding will worsen along the Mississippi River as snow melts to the north.

The National Weather Service said the river was expected to crest Thursday in St. Joseph, Missouri, at its third-highest level on record. Military C-130 planes were evacuated last week from nearby Rosecrans Air National Guard base.

In North Dakota, Fargo was preparing for potentially major flooding along the Red River — the same river that ravaged the city a decade ago.

Mayor Tim Mahoney de-

vice warning that snowmelt poses a big risk in Fargo. Sandbag-filling operations start March 26.

In Illinois, weather service readings showed major flooding along the Pecos River at Shirland and Freeport, and the Rock River in the Rockford area and Moline.

Freeport City Manager Lowell Crow said officials there expected the Pecos River “to possibly rise to a record level or at least to a level we haven’t seen in 50 years.”

The flooding started after a massive late-winter storm hit the Midwest last week. The high water was blamed in the deaths of three people from Nebraska. Betty Hamernik, 80, of rural Columbus, was trapped in her home by the fast-rising Loup River.

Her body was recovered Saturday.

Aleido Rojas Galan of Norfolk was swept away Friday night in southwestern Iowa,

died when a bridge collapsed as he used a tractor to try and reach stranded motorists.

Two men in Nebraska have been missing since Thursday.

One was last seen on top of his flooded car; the other was swept away after a dam collapsed.

The Missouri Department of Transportation reported about 100 flood-related road closures, including a stretch of Interstate 29.

Jud Kneuvean, emergency manager with the Army Corp of Engineers’ Kansas City district, blamed rainfall, snowmelt and higher temperatures “converging all at the same time.” No significant flooding was expected east of Kansas City, though Kneuvean said the Corps was monitoring closely.

“When you have a high river and have any forecast of rain on it, it can change the scenario very quickly,” Kneuvean said. □

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## Truck-driving preacher charged with killing Alabama teens

By **KIM CHANDLER**  
**Associated Press**

**OZARK, Ala. (AP)** — A truck-driving preacher charged with killing two Alabama teenagers found shot to death in a car trunk nearly 20 years ago was tied to the slayings through a DNA match uncovered with genetic genealogy testing, authorities said Monday. The analysis linked evidence that sat for years in a police freezer to Coley McCraney, 45, of Dothan, Alabama, police said. McCraney was taken into custody Friday and booked Saturday on rape and capital murder charges, according to officials and jail records. He now faces a potential death penalty in the killings in 1999 of Tracie Hawlett and J.B. Beasley, both 17. Hawlett's mother, Carol Roberts, said she went numb when she heard of McCraney's arrest. She said that as the years ticked by, she began to doubt if the case would ever be solved. "God gave her to me. He didn't have the right to do that. I just want to know why," said Roberts, who wore a button featuring her daughter's photo at the news conference announcing the arrest. McCraney, who has his own church and preached recently, is cooperating with authorities, said defense attorney David Harrison. "My heart goes out to the victims' families," Harrison said. "It's a tragedy. We don't need to make it make three tragedies by convicting him."

Ozark Police Chief Marlos Walker said he knew McCraney from living in the same city and was surprised when DNA testing linked him to the slayings. He credited science, diligence, and divine intervention with the arrest. "I'm a spiritual guy, so it was all God's work," Walker said. The girls left Dothan the night of July 3, 1999, to go to a party but never arrived. They were found the next day in the trunk of Beasley's black Mazda along a road in Ozark, a city of 19,000 people located about 90 miles (145 kilometers) southeast of Montgomery. Each had a gunshot wound to the head. Sherry Gilland, who lived near a convenience store where the girls were last seen, said the killings changed the community. Afterward, Gilland said, she was afraid to let her own daughter ride her bicycle or walk too far from home. "It has been a cloud over the town, but now it's lifted," she said. A judge had ordered McCraney to submit to DNA testing less than a month after the slayings because a woman filed suit claiming he was the father of her daughter, court documents show. But he failed to submit a sample and was ordered to pay child support. Last year's arrest of "Golden State Killer" suspect Joseph DeAngelo in California — in which genealogy testing helped identify the suspect — helped prompt police to send their evi-

dence to Parabon NanoLabs in Reston, Virginia, for DNA analysis, Walker said. CeCe Moore, chief genetic genealogist with Parabon NanoLabs, said information from the crime scene DNA was uploaded to the genealogy database called GEDmatch, where people voluntarily submit their own information while searching for relatives. Moore said they were able to identify an extended family, meaning at least one relative of McCraney had voluntarily submitted DNA. The police chief said the genealogy work identified a family, and then investigators "ultimately narrowed it down to a single person." He said they then obtained a DNA sample from McCraney and the state crime lab matched it to that found at the 1999 crime scene. During the news conference, law enforcement authorities did not disclose how they obtained the DNA sample from McCraney. District Attorney Kirke Adams said he would seek the death penalty against McCraney. The multiple capital charges against McCraney include one of killing Beasley during a rape, he said. A different suspect was previously cleared after his DNA didn't match semen found on Beasley. Harrison, the defense lawyer, said McCraney is an outstanding community member who is married with children and grandchildren. Aside from



**This Saturday, March 16, 2019 booking photo provided by the Dale County Sheriff's Office, shows Coley McCraney. AI.com reported McCraney, of Dothan, was arrested Saturday and charged with rape and capital murder in the 1999 deaths of 17-year-olds Tracie Hawlett and J.B. Beasley.**

**Associated Press**

preaching, records show he worked as a truck driver for years for several different companies. The slayings haunted the community for years and Harrison said he was concerned about his client getting a fair trial. "It's going to be difficult to find a jury that's not already aware of the facts," he said. "I might have to ask that it be moved to another venue to get a fair trial. A lot of emotions are flying." Hawlett had two elementary school-age brothers at the time of her death and

Roberts said the whole family slept in the same bed for a time after the slayings out of fear. Roberts said her daughter, who wanted to be a doctor since she was a little girl, would have been 37 this month. She still remembers her last conversation with her daughter, who called to see if Beasley could spend the night with them and attend church the next day. "Last words out of her lips were, 'Mama, I love you,'" said Roberts. "Last words out of my mouth to her were, 'I love you.'" □

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## Gunman kills 3 on Dutch tram; mayor fears terrorism

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Associated Press  
**UTRECHT, Netherlands (AP)**

— A gunman killed three people and wounded five during a mid-morning tram ride Monday in the Dutch city of Utrecht, raising the specter of another extremist attack only days after the murderous rampage in New Zealand.

Authorities seized a Turkish-born suspect after a manhunt that convulsed the historic city of nearly 350,000 people for most of the day. As night set in, three victims lay in critical condition, and the motive for the bloodshed remained under investigation. Prime Minister Mark Rutte said authorities were trying to determine whether the attack had "terror motives."

Justice Minister Ferd Grapperhaus said the suspect, identified as Gokmen Tanis, 37, was known to justice authorities and had a crimi-



Rescue workers install a screen on the spot where a body was covered with a white blanket following a shooting in Utrecht, Netherlands, Monday, March 18, 2019.

nal record, but would not elaborate. Police said they also detained another man on suspicion of involvement but released no details. The shooting came three days after 50 people were killed when an immigrant-hating white supremacist opened fire at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, during Friday prayers. There was no immediate indication of

any link between the two events. The Utrecht attack took place at a busy intersection in a residential neighborhood. The gunman was alleged to have had an automatic weapon, Grapperhaus said.

"We assume a terror motive," Mayor Jan van Zanen said as police searched for the killer, though he added that other motives could not be ruled out.

In the aftermath of the shooting, Dutch authorities put the Netherlands' fourth-largest city on lockdown, raised the threat level in the area to the maximum of 5 and tightened security at airports and key buildings in the country. Police issued a photo of a bearded Tanis aboard a tram in a blue hooded top.

"If it is a terror attack," the prime minister declared, "then we have only one answer: Our nation, democracy, must be stronger than fanaticism and violence." Heavily armed officers with dogs searched for the killer, gathering at one point

in front of an apartment building close to the scene. However, the suspect was later arrested at another location in the city. The threat level soon returned to 4.

Police said a red Renault compact car was carjacked shortly before the shooting and later found across town.

Local media said Tanis had been charged several times over the past years with offenses ranging from attempted manslaughter to petty crime in and around Utrecht. Two weeks ago he was in court on charges of raping of woman in 2017, news reports said.

The identities of the shooting victims were not immediately released, and Grapperhaus would not say if any were known to the gunman. □

## Trudeau seeks advice amid scandal that threatens re-election

By **ROB GILLIES**

Associated Press  
**TORONTO (AP)**

— Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has appointed a former justice minister to examine whether the dual role of justice minister and attorney general should be separated amid a scandal that threatens his Liberal party's re-election.

Trudeau announced Monday that Anne McLellan, also a Liberal, would undertake the study. Former Justice Minister and Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould says Trudeau and senior members of his government improperly pressured her in a case involving a major Canadian engineer-



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau arrives at the South Nepean Muslim Community Mosque to speak to community members in Ottawa, Ontario, Sunday, March 17, 2019.

ing company accused of corruption. Trudeau reportedly wanted her to instruct prosecutors to reach the equivalent of plea deal and avoid a criminal prosecution of SNC-Lavalin because he felt that thousands of jobs were at stake. A conviction would bar the company from government contracts. □

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## France bans some yellow vest protests in Paris after riots

By SYLVIE CORBET  
 ANGELA CHARLTON  
 Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — France's prime minister announced a ban Monday on yellow vest protests along the Champs-Elysees Avenue in Paris and in two other cities following riots on Saturday that left luxury stores ransacked and charred from arson fires.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe said the ban will apply for an unspecified period in the neighborhoods that have been "the most impacted" in the cities of Paris, Bordeaux and Toulouse, where repeated destruction has occurred since the yellow vest protest movement began in November.

He also said Paris police chief Michel Delpuech will be replaced this week by prefect Didier Lallement. Philippe announced the measures following a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron and top security officials that



Bystanders take snapshots of the smashed windows of the famed tea salon Laduree on the Champs Elysees the day after it was vandalized during the 18th straight weekend of demonstrations by the yellow vests, in Paris, France, Sunday, March 17, 2019.

sought to avoid a repeat of Saturday's violence, in which rioters set life-threatening fires, ransacked luxury stores and attacked police around the Champs-Elysees. Many of those high-end boutiques remained closed on Monday, some of them charred from arson fires set.

He acknowledged "dysfunction" in French police

operations on Saturday, rejecting "inappropriate" orders given to security forces to use fewer rubber bullets following a controversy about the numerous injuries they've caused at previous protests.

Philippe also announced a shift in security strategy to allow police forces to have a greater initiative on the ground to take measures

against rioters and disperse crowds. He said police will use new tools, including drones and video surveillance, to help preventing violence and send rioters to trial.

"When a protest has been banned and its aim is to ransack and loot, all of those who take part in and, in fact, protect looters, encourage them or glorify

them online, are complicit and will have to face the consequences," he said. Philippe promised "nothing will change" for other peaceful, authorized protests. The surge in violence came as the 4-month-old yellow vest movement, which is pressing for more economic justice, has been dwindling. Images of the destruction on Saturday—including from a bank fire that engulfed a residential building and threatened the lives of a mother and child — could further erode public support.

But the renewed attention energized some protesters, who took to social networks to call for new protests this Saturday to demand lower taxes and more support for workers.

The Finance Ministry held a meeting Monday with groups representing small businesses, restaurants, hotels, insurance companies and banks to estimate the economic impact of the protests. □

## UN hosts powers to discuss preventing an arms race in space

Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — Government experts from 25 countries have opened a meeting to look at ways of preventing an arms race in space, amid uncertainty whether some of the world's biggest powers

will actually find it in their national interests.

The informal, closed-door talks over two weeks starting Monday at the United Nations in Geneva will test the level of goodwill among key powers including Britain, Chi-

na, France, Russia and the United States. The Trump administration, for one, has touted its plans for a "Space Force."

The group's chairman, Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota of Brazil, said the meeting aims to

reach a basic consensus on a list of elements that could one day be part of a possible agreement on space. He acknowledged that aiming for a treaty within the next decade would be "very ambitious." □

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## Over 1,000 feared dead after cyclone slams into Mozambique

By **ANDREW MELDRUM**  
**Associated Press**  
**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — More than 1,000 people were feared dead in Mozambique four days after a cyclone slammed into the country, submerging entire villages and leaving bodies floating in the floodwaters, the nation's president said. "It is a real disaster of great proportions," President Filipe Nyusi said. Cyclone Idai could prove

to be the deadliest storm in generations to hit the impoverished southeast African country of 30 million people. It struck Beira, an Indian Ocean port city of a half-million people, late Thursday and then moved inland to Zimbabwe and Malawi with strong winds and heavy rain. But it took days for the scope of the disaster to come into focus in Mozambique, which has a



In this photo taken on Friday, March 15, 2019 and provided by the International Red Cross, people carry their personal effects after Tropical Cyclone Idai, in Beira, Mozambique.

significantly, they have no way of knowing if it will reach the president's estimate.

The destruction in Beira is "massive and horrifying," said Jamie LeSueur, who led a Red Cross team that had to assess the damage by helicopter because of the flooded-out roads.

More than 215 people were killed by the storm in the three countries, including 89 in Zimbabwe, according to official figures. Hundreds more were reported missing. Mozambique is a long, narrow country with a 2,400-kilometer (1,500-mile) coastline along the Indian Ocean. It is prone to cyclones and tropical storms this time of year.

In 2000, Mozambique was hit by severe flooding caused by weeks of heavy rain, a disaster made much worse when a cyclone hit. Approximately 700 people were killed in what was regarded as the worst flooding in 50 years.

Mozambique won independence from Portugal in 1975 and then was plagued by a long-running civil war that ended in 1992. Its economy is dominated by agriculture, and its exports include prawns, cotton, cashews, sugar, coconuts and tropical hardwood timber. □

poor communication and transportation network and a corrupt and inefficient bureaucracy. Speaking on state Radio Mozambique, Nyusi said that while the official death toll stood at 84, "It appears that we can register more than 1,000 deaths." U.N. agencies and the Red Cross helped rush emergency food and medicine by helicopter to the stricken countries. Mount Chiluvo in central Mozambique was badly hit by flooding. One resident said he heard a loud noise, like an explosion, and suddenly saw a river of mud rolling toward his home. "I was indoors with my children, but when we looked we saw mud coming down the road towards the houses and we fled," Francisco Carlitos told Lusa, the Portuguese News Agency. The family lost their home and possessions but safely reached higher ground. The country's president, who cut short a visit to neighboring Swaziland over the weekend because of the disaster, spoke after flying by helicopter over Beira and two rural provinces, where he reported widespread devastation. "The waters of the Pungue and Buzi rivers overflowed, making whole villages disappear and isolating communities, and bodies are floating," Nyusi said. Emergency officials cautioned that while they expect the death toll to rise

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## Turkey announces operation against Kurdish rebels

**Associated Press**  
**ISTANBUL (AP)** — Turkey has announced a military operation against Kurdish militants along its eastern border with Iran. Turkish Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu says the operation against the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, began Monday. He described it as a joint operation with Iran, but Iran's official IRNA news service quoted an unnamed military official as saying Iranian forces were not involved.

The PKK has been waging an insurgency for more than three decades, and is considered a terror group by Turkey and its Western allies. Turkey regularly conducts airstrikes in northern Iraq against PKK camps and has cracked down on the group and alleged supporters since a peace process collapsed in 2015.

The PKK-affiliated Kurdistan Free Life Party, or PJAK, was formed in 2004 to fight for Kurdish autonomy in Iran. □



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# China says 13,000 Xinjiang 'terrorists' arrested since 2014

## Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** — China has arrested nearly 13,000 people it describes as terrorists and has broken up hundreds of "terrorist gangs" in Xinjiang since 2014, the government said in a report Monday issued to counter criticism of internment camps and other oppressive security in the traditionally Islamic region. The lengthy report said the government's efforts have curbed religious extremism but gave little evidence of what crimes had occurred. The far northwestern region is closed to outsiders, but former residents and activists abroad say mere expressions of Muslim identity are punished.

Criticism has grown over China's internment of an estimated 1 million Uighurs (WEE-gurs) and members of other predominantly Muslim ethnic groups. China describes the camps as vocational training centers and says participation is voluntary. Former detainees say they were held in abusive conditions, forced to renounce Islam and swear allegiance to China's ruling Communist Party.

The camps sprang up over the past two years at extraordinary speed and on a massive scale, as monitored by satellite imagery. China maintains a massive security presence in Xinjiang and efforts to independently verify claims by Uighur activists are routinely blocked.

The new report said "law-based de-radicalization" in Xinjiang has curbed the rise and spread of religious extremism.

It said 1,588 terrorist gangs have been crushed and 12,995 terrorists seized since 2014. Over that time, 2,052 explosive devices were



In this Nov. 5, 2017, file photo, residents watch a convoy of security personnel and armored vehicles in a show of force through central Kashgar in western China's Xinjiang region.

Associated Press

seized and more than 30,000 people were punished for taking part in almost 5,000 "illegal religious activities," the report said. It said 345,229 copies of "illegal religious publicity materials" were also seized.

China's government has spent decades trying to suppress pro-independence sentiment in the region fueled in part by frustration over an influx of migrants from China's Han majority. Beijing authorities say extremists there have ties to foreign terror groups but have given little evidence to support that.

Despite the region's religious, linguistic and cultural differences with the rest of country, China says Xinjiang has been Chinese territory since ancient times. Experts and Uighur activists believe the camps are part of an aggressive government campaign to erode the identities of the Central Asian groups who called the region home long before waves of Han migrants arrived in recent decades.

Monday's report sought to underplay Islam's role in the region's historical makeup, saying that while it "cannot be denied that Xinjiang received the influence of Islamic culture," that did not change the "objective fact" that Xinjiang's culture is a facet of Chinese culture.

"Islam is not the natural faith of the Uighurs and other ethnicities, nor is it their only faith," the report said. China has sought to defend itself against charges of cultural genocide, painting its critics as biased and seeking to smear China's reputation and contain its rise as a global power.

The report shows the "vague and broad definition of 'terrorism' and 'extremism' by the Chinese government," said Patrick Poon, a China researcher for Amnesty International. "It's exactly because of the Chinese government's arbitrary and vague definition of these terms that leads to mass arbitrary detention of many ordinary

people in Xinjiang," Poon said.

Poon cited the many families that have lost contact with relatives who are suspected of having been detained.

"It's simply not normal at all for people losing contact with their relatives if they are merely receiving 'vocational training' as the Chinese government claims," Poon said.

China's reputation for taking a hard line against religious minorities, and Muslims in particular, continues to draw global attention.

The man arrested in last week's New Zealand mosque attacks said in his online manifesto that China is the nation that most aligns with his political and social values. □

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## Colombia: 1,000 Venezuelan forces crossed border since Feb.

By **CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA**  
Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— About 1,000 members of the Venezuelan security forces have fled to Colombia since last month, giving up weapons and uniforms as they abandoned the government of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, Colombian authorities said Monday.

Colombia's foreign ministry released the updated number of Venezuelan police and military personnel who crossed the border, many around the time of a Feb. 23 attempt by opposition leader Juan Guaido to deliver U.S.-provided humanitarian aid to Venezuela. The attempt failed because Venezuelan forces blocked trucks trying to cross from Colombia into Venezuela.

The deserters have received lodging, health care and legal aid, and were accompanied by some 400 family members, Colombian officials said. Colombia, the United States and about 50 other countries support Guaido's claim that he is the interim president of Venezuela and that Maduro is illegitimate because his re-election last year was marred by irregularities.

The welfare of the Venezuelan deserters, and their families back home, is a growing concern.



**Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido, center right, who has declared himself interim president, poses for a photo with members of a coalition of opposition parties, and other civic groups after their meeting in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, March 18, 2019.**

Jean Marchena Castillo, an army captain, told local media that pro-Maduro forces were threatening relatives of some of those who fled Venezuela. Some deserters say their small military salaries were the only source of income for their families.

Humberto Calderon Berti, Guaido's representative in Colombia, said he plans to work with Colombian authorities to provide training and employment opportunities to the men.

Diosdado Cabello, a lead-

ing pro-Maduro politician, said in Caracas on Monday that the security forces who fled to Colombia had been offered bribes to do so. Deserters strongly deny such allegations.

Despite the desertions, Maduro has retained the support of Venezuela's key military leaders, who are considered pivotal in determining the outcome of the country's power struggle. Maduro alleges that Guaido is a collaborator in a U.S. plot to overthrow the government in Venezuela,

whose population is enduring hyperinflation and a scarcity of medicine and other necessities.

More than 3 million Venezuelans have fled the country in recent years, about one-third of them finding refuge in Colombia.

Nearly a week after Venezuela's worst blackouts inflicted more hardship across the country, Maduro was said to be planning a Cabinet reshuffle. Vice President Delcy Rodriguez made the announcement on Twitter on Sunday,

though she did not provide details. Some past reshuffles have entailed rotations of ministers rather than a major overhaul of leadership.

Key Cabinet figures include Rodriguez, a former foreign minister; Information Minister Jorge Rodriguez, brother of the vice president; and Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez, a military general. All face U.S. sanctions for alleged corruption and human rights violations.

Guaido on Monday scoffed at the report of Cabinet changes, telling journalists that it merely reflects how the government is weakening and "without answers." He again said that the nationwide power outages were the result of government corruption and mismanagement and not, as Maduro claimed, an act of sabotage directed by the United States.

U.S. and Russian officials, meanwhile, were meeting in Rome this week to discuss the crisis in Venezuela. Elliott Abrams, the U.S. special envoy for Venezuela, was to hold talks with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov on Monday and Tuesday, the U.S. State Department said. Ryabkov said in comments carried by Russian media that, "We will do everything to protect our cooperation with Caracas." □

Associated Press

## Nicaragua talks on hold as both sides trade accusations

By **GABRIELA SELSER**  
Associated Press

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua**

**(AP)** — Nicaragua's government and opposition accused each other of undermining the latest round of political dialogue Monday, after police arrested more than 100 at a weekend protest.

The opposition Civic Alliance condemned the government's "violent repression" of Saturday's march, in which it said some 164 people were arrested. The group said in a statement that it was frustrated that the talks had not produced results, including the release of hundreds of



**Demonstrators chant during a protest demanding the government release hundreds of protesters held in custody since 2018, in Managua, Nicaragua, Saturday, March 16, 2019.**

Associated Press

people it considers political prisoners.

The government com-

plained that opposition representatives participating in the negotiations were

part of the march, which it labeled a "provocation." Protests against President Daniel Ortega's government have been effectively banned since September.

The government said opposition negotiators' participating in Saturday's protest was "inconceivable, contradictory and unbelievable." It said there were 107 arrests and the detainees were released hours later. Mario Arana, an economist participating in the dialogue as a representative of the private sector, said the talks were suspended for the time being. "The mediators have

work to do," he said. The Vatican's ambassador to Nicaragua, Waldemar Sommertag, who has mediated the talks, asked for patience Monday. Responding to criticism that he seemed to be siding with the government, Sommertag said he had no personal interest and was giving his all to brokering the talks.

Luis Rosadilla, representative of the Organization of American States, called on those involved to build a good atmosphere for dialogue. "The government must show the political will to overcome the crisis," he said. □

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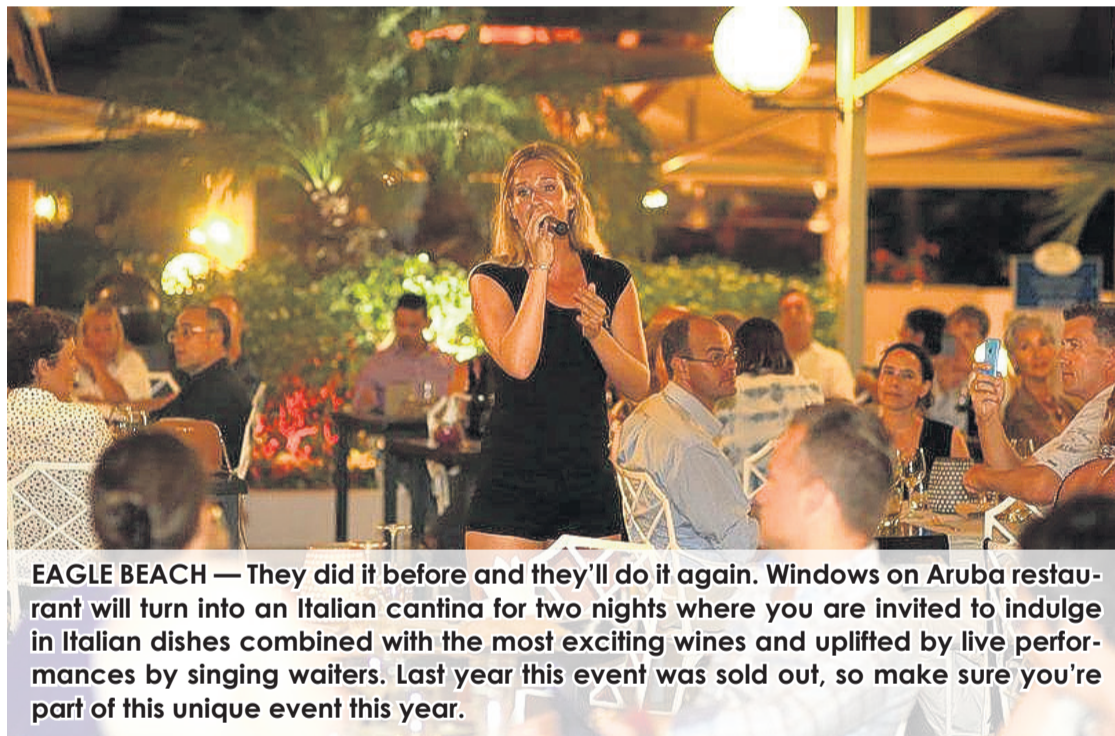
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## Episode X: Landscape character Part II

The Quartzdiorite (QD) landscape in Sta. Cruz, Tanki Flip, Noord, Alto Vista and Sabaneta as mentioned, is where a number of relatively deep guts or dry rivers are to be found. The considerable amount of weathered material on top of the diorite basement is cut through by water during rainfall. Many of these guts contain large amounts of QD debris. This debris is the main geological component of the area around Sabaneta.



**Pic. 1: Dry river bed showing QD rocks, at Yara North of Sabaneta**

The QD basement of these guts is impermeable, forming shallow natural water reservoirs in the upper lying detritus. The modern water reservoirs are mostly made near these dry rivers in the QD landscape. Most banks of these dry rivers show a black top soil layer forming an ideal place for vegetation. These favorable

hydrological- and soil conditions of this landscape have been evident to Amerindians. The Hooiberg (166 m), a conical-shaped hill west of Santa Cruz is situated in the middle of the typical QD landscape. The main component of this hill is hooibergite. Other "foreign" phenomena in the QD landscape are the small hills at the north coast. Here gabbro is the main component. Although of different appearance, physical and landscape-forming characteristics, the QD, hooibergite, and gabbro have a common geological origin and are, in fact, one geological unit, called the batholith. The difference in



**Fig: 2 Artist stylized Hooiberg and from where Hooibergite got its name.**

landscape forming characteristics is the result of the difference in resistance to weathering of these rocks.

Only one of the Preceramic sites is found in the QD landscape. Other Preceramic sites such as Arashi are situated near outcrops of QD. The site Barcadera is near large amounts of QD debris. The vicinity of these areas to the coast is for these two sites of more significance than the QD component, if we consider the characteristics of the preceramic groups. The largest Ceramic sites are situated in the QD-landscape. The favorable hydrological conditions created by the guts and the relatively good agricultural soil in the areas of Santa Cruz, Tanki Flip and Sabaneta, made long-term habitation by

the ceramic groups possible. Two large guts run through the sites of Tanki Flip and Santa Cruz. Tanki Flip is in a flat area with only a few boulders. Santa Cruz is in a slightly undulating landscape with many QD-boulders. The guts here are relatively deeper than at Tanki Flip.

Sabaneta is situated at the end of a rooi in a QD-landscape with no boulders. This site is near the coast where mangroves and small beaches alternate. Another important site which is situated on QD debris is Parkietenbos. Two sites are here, at the east- and west bank of a large gut, the same gut that flows through Santa Cruz. The soil at Parkietenbos is comparable to that in Tanki Flip.

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**Pic. 3, the implementation of local stones as construction material at Bushiribana, Paradera .**

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The QD-landscape had a second important function for the pre-historic groups. Pictographs and petroglyphs are found on QD boulders. Most of the pictographs are found in the natural cavities of the boulders. These cavities are a product of chemical weathering of the rock and are always situated on the leeward side of the boulder. Twelve of the seventeen rock drawing sites are in the QD landscape. Quartz diorite was used to make a variety of tools. It has the characteristic that it evens out easily after it's chipped. The natural round form made it a good material to make grinding tools and sling-and hammer-stones. The natural cavities were furtherly deepened to make metates.

Ancient Arubans knew very good how to implement what was on hand and even going so far to import types of stones such as chert and jade to make graters for grinding yucca roots in to flour. Ground raw grains, seeds or roots used to



Pic.4 : The hilly land scape

make many different foods. Cereal or tuber flour is the main ingredient of ayaca, tamal, empaná, paste-chi, tortilla or pan bati (bread,

which is the staple food for most Amerindian cultures).

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The honorees stated that they love coming to the island especially for the lovely people, the beautiful weather and white sandy beaches.

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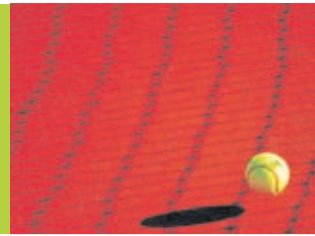
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# SPORTS



Dominic Thiem, of Austria, foreground, raises a trophy over his head after defeating Roger Federer, of Switzerland, left, in the men's final at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament Sunday, March 17, 2019, in Indian Wells, Calif. Thiem won 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.  
Associated Press

## Thiem edges Federer in 3 sets to win Indian Wells title

By BETH HARRIS  
AP Sports Writer  
INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Roger Federer came out playing like his legendary self. Dominic Thiem needed a set to adjust to what he was seeing across the net. Thiem went on to beat Federer 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 and win the BNP Paribas Open on Sunday, denying Federer a record sixth title in the desert. Thiem trailed 4-3 and 5-4 in the third set before breaking Federer with a forehand winner to go up 6-5. Thiem served out the two-hour match that ended with yet another error from Federer, a forehand dumped into the net. Federer was in the final for the third straight year and lost for the second year in a row. He was beaten in a third-set tiebreaker by Juan Martin del Potro last year. Federer won his 100th career title in Dubai recently.

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# “ROR-YNG” BACK



## McIlroy rallies late to win The Players Championship

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches his shot on the ninth green during the final round of The Players Championship golf tournament Sunday, March 17, 2019, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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# McIlroy blocks out noise and hits his stride

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.**

**(AP)** — Rory McIlroy managed to block out all the noise, all the distractions, and this was long before he even reached the pivotal three-hole finish at the TPC Sawgrass to win The Players Championship.

McIlroy, more than any other player, has been looked upon as golf's next big thing in the decade since age and injuries began to slow Tiger Woods.

Jack Nicklaus took to Twitter on Sunday night for memories of the time McIlroy first came to meet with him ahead of the 2010 Masters, and a few months later the precocious 20-year-old from Northern Ireland shot 62 on the final day at Quail Hollow for his first PGA Tour victory.

McIlroy set the U.S. Open scoring record a year later with an eight-shot victory. He had four majors — missing only a green jacket — at age 25.

So with McIlroy approaching his 30th birthday, and with only one victory over his previous 50 tournaments worldwide, the critics took notice.

When he played in the final group nine times without winning — never mind that he was at least three shots back on five of those occasions — questions about his ability to close became louder.

His patience was tested

when he began this year by playing in the final group in three out of his five tournaments, finishing no worse than a tie for sixth.

But he never showed any hint on panic.

His reaction when he tapped in for par Sunday to win The Players was not much different from when he finished with a par at Bay Hill, a bogey at Riviera, a birdie at Torrey Pines. All of them were good weeks when he looked back over 72 holes. One of them was better than the other because he won a trophy.

"I feel like I've managed the first six tournaments of the year very well, even with some noise around me, whether 'he can't close, he can't play on Sundays,' blah, blah, blah," McIlroy said. "I've just got to do my thing. And if I go concentrate on me, control what I can do, good golf and good attitude takes care of the rest."

Attitude has been key for McIlroy.

It was important not to get down on himself if he didn't win, even if everyone expected him to at Wentworth last year and Dubai two months ago.

McIlroy says he has been reading books and working with people to remind himself that golf is a joy to play and provides a comfortable lifestyle — he went over \$45 million in career PGA Tour earnings alone — but that it doesn't define

him as a person. "Who I am as a person isn't who I am as a golfer," he said. "And it took me a while to get to that point where I realized who those two people were. So that has been a big thing. And I think that's been the big difference between the highs and lows of the last few years and the more consistent play. I've had two wins in the last 12 months, but even the play in between that has been pretty good."

Not since 2012 has McIlroy started a year so well.

He won the Honda Classic to reach No. 1 in the world for the first time, had runner-up finishes in Abu Dhabi and the Match Play, was third at a World Golf Championship at Doral, and tied for fifth in Dubai. In those five events, he was never more than four shots out of the lead.

Now he has a victory against the strongest field in golf at The Players, which is feeling more and more like a major in everything but the label, to go with a runner-up in Dubai and top finishes everywhere else.

McIlroy had said at the start of the year in Hawaii that he was entering a second phase of his career, even as he has learned to look at the big picture in an Instagram world. It's one tournament. It's one month. It's one season.

Las Vegas installed McIlroy as the latest favorite to win the Masters ahead of



**Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, gives the thumbs up after winning the The Players Championship golf tournament Sunday, March 17, 2019, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.**

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Dustin Johnson, who only three weeks ago won by five shots against a World Golf Championships field in Mexico City. Memories are short in golf.

McIlroy has one more start, at the Match Play. Winning doesn't hurt, though McIlroy is not sure his victory at The Players will help or damage his shot at a green jacket.

"If I go to Augusta with a similar golf game to what I have now, and the attitude I've shown over the first few weeks of the year," McIlroy said, "I think I'll have a great chance."

McIlroy headed home to south Florida with \$2.25 million, the lead in the FedEx Cup, his world ranking at No. 4.

He left behind the world-class golfer with 15 PGA Tour victories and four majors before turning 30 — Nicklaus and Woods are the only others who have done that since the Masters began in 1934. He will worry about the next tournament when it gets there.

Next up?

"I've got an interior design meeting tomorrow morning to pick out some stuff for our new house," he said. □

## FIFA to make public the vote for 2023 Women's World Cup



**In this July 5, 2015, file photo, the United States Women's National Team celebrates with the trophy after they defeated Japan 5-2 in the FIFA Women's World Cup soccer championship in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.**

Associated Press

By **ROB HARRIS**

AP Global Soccer Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** — FIFA has

agreed to make public its vote on the host for the 2023 Women's World Cup. The organization's decision-making body is becoming more transparent after concerns were raised last month that the women's tournament wouldn't fully follow the new voting process for the men's World Cup.

The United States, Canada and Mexico were chosen last year to host the 2026 World Cup. The votes by

the FIFA Congress of all member associations were published. Previously, the decisions were taken in private by the scandal-discredited FIFA executive committee, which was renamed the FIFA Council in 2016.

But FIFA announced last month that its 37-person council would still decide on the destination of the 2023 Women's World Cup, with no mention of votes being publicly declared.

Now, FIFA has said following a meeting in Miami that after the council makes

its decision in March 2020, the "result of each ballot and related votes of each member" will be "open and made public."

It could be the most hotly contested bidding process for the tournament, which was first staged in 1991. Australia, Colombia, Japan and South Africa have been exploring bids. South Korea submitted a proposal to North Korea to jointly bid. Bidders have until April 16 to complete their bidding registrations, and bid books must be submitted by Oct. 4. □

# Couturier scores late in OT, Flyers beat Penguins 2-1

**By The Associated Press**  
**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Sean Couturier beat Matt Murray with 3 seconds remaining in overtime and the Philadelphia Flyers put together an improbable rally to edge the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 on Sunday night.

James van Riemsdyk tied the score with 18 seconds left in regulation when Murray's glove couldn't quite reach van Riemsdyk's wrist shot from the slot. The team traded a flurry of quality chances in the extra period before Couturier danced around Pittsburgh star Sidney Crosby on the rush then sent a shot over Murray's stick to give Philadelphia's fading playoff hopes a needed jolt.

Carter Hart finished with 41 saves for his first victory since Feb. 17.

Teddy Blueger, starting on the second line in place of injured Evgeni Malkin, scored Pittsburgh's lone goal. Murray had 36 saves.

**CANUCKS 3, STARS 2, SO DALLAS (AP)** — Josh Leivo scored in the fourth round of the shootout to lift Vancouver.

Leivo's shot went over Stars goalie Anton Khudobin after Canucks goalie Jacob Markstrom had stopped four Dallas skaters.

Vancouver's Tim Schaller scored twice in the first 11 minutes for his first goals in nearly a year. It was his first career multi-goal game. Markstrom finished with 44 saves.

Jamie Benn and Taylor Fedun had the goals for Dallas. Khudobin had 25 saves and stopped a penalty shot for the second straight game. The Stars, who hold the first wild card in the Western Conference, remained two points behind third-place St. Louis in the Central Division.

**ISLANDERS 3, WILD 2, OT ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)** — Brock Nelson scored 1:04 into overtime and New York moved into a tie atop the Metropolitan Division. Anders Lee scored for the fourth straight game and Jordan Eberle added a goal for the Islanders, who have won five of seven. Thomas Greiss made 32

saves. New York is tied with Washington with 91 points with 10 games remaining, but currently holds the tiebreaker with a greater scoring differential.

Zach Parise scored for the first time in 11 games for Minnesota, which pulled one point behind Arizona for the second wild card in the Western Conference. Jared Spurgeon also scored and Ryan Donato had two assists for 13 points in 13 games since being acquired from Boston on Feb. 20. Stalock finished with 17 saves.

**SABRES 4, BLUES 3, SO BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — Sam Reinhart scored the deciding goal in the shootout to lead Buffalo.

After the Sabres' Jack Eichel and St. Louis' Tyler Bozak traded goals to open the tiebreaker, Reinhart scored on Buffalo's final attempt when he got just enough on his wrist shot to get it past Jake Allen, who got a piece of it with his glove.

Johan Larsson, Evan Rodrigues and Conor Sheary scored in regulation for the Sabres. Carter Hutton made 30 saves.

Pat Maroon, David Peron and Brayden Schenn scored for the Blues, who got 31 saves from Allen.

**DUCKS 3, PANTHERS 2 ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Jakob Silfverberg scored the tiebreaking goal with 4:33 left to lift Anaheim past Florida.

Adam Henrique and Daniel Sprong also scored for the Ducks, and Ryan Getzlaf had two assists. John Gibson stopped 37 shots. Anaheim won for the sixth time in nine games to pull nine points behind Arizona for the second wild card in the Western Conference, with five other teams in between.

Evgenil Dadonov and Aaron Ekblad scored for Florida, which snapped a four-game win streak. Rookie goalie Sam Montembeault finished with 19 saves.

**GOLDEN KNIGHTS 6, OILERS 3**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Jonathan Marchessault scored two goals, and Vegas beat

Edmonton. Mark Stone, Cody Eakin, Brayden McNabb and Alex Tuch also scored for Vegas, and Malcolm Subban stopped 16 shots. The Golden Knights improved to 8-1-0 in nine games since acquiring Stone from Ottawa at the NHL trade deadline.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Leon Draisaitl and Kris Russell scored for Edmonton, while Connor McDavid had two assists. Mikko Koskinen made 28 saves. Vegas, third in the Pacific Division, increased its lead over Arizona to seven points. The Oilers remained seven points behind the Coyotes for the second wild card in the Western Conference.

**AVALANCHE 3, DEVILS 0 DENVER (AP)** — Philipp Grubauer made 22 saves



Philadelphia Flyers' Sean Couturier (14) gets the game-winning goal past Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Matt Murray (30) in overtime of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, March 17, 2019. The Flyers won 2-1.

Associated Press

for his third shutout in his last five starts to lead Colorado past New Jersey.

Tyson Barrie scored twice as the Avalanche stayed in the mix for a second

straight playoff appearance. Nathan MacKinnon scored his 37th goal and also had an assist to reach the 90-point mark for the second straight season. □

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Los Angeles Clippers' Lou Williams (23) shoots over Brooklyn Nets' Jarrett Allen, left, and D'Angelo Russell, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, March 17, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

# Williams' 3-pointer lifts Clippers to 119-116 win over Nets

**By JOE REEDY**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Lou Williams continues to prove that he is not only the Los Angeles Clippers' most valuable player, but the NBA's leading candidate for Sixth Man of the Year. The veteran guard continued his hot play since the All-Star break, nailing a 28-foot 3-pointer from the top of the key at the buzzer to give the Clippers a 119-116 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday night. Williams' buzzer-beater capped a rollercoaster game where the Clippers squandered two double-digit leads in the second half and the Nets saw an

18-point cushion in the second quarter evaporate before halftime. "I can't explain that game. It made no sense," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "The game was disjointed and it was a full of runs. The game was won, then it's lost, or tied, and then we made a miracle shot." The victory was Rivers' 300th as Clippers coach, making him the seventh coach in NBA history with 300 or more regular-season wins with two or more teams. Los Angeles led 116-106 with 1:02 remaining, only to see Brooklyn score 10 straight points and tie it with 5.3 seconds remain-

ing on DeMarre Carroll's dunk. The Clippers called a timeout to set up the winning shot for Williams, who scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter. "Fade left, and get a shot at the rim," Williams said of the play. "They put us in a position where we had our backs against the wall. It was a good shot. If I played it straight up, they would have had an opportunity to guard it. I don't think they were worried about that type of shot." Williams is averaging 20.4 points on the season, but 24.3 this month as the Clippers have won seven of their last eight. "He's been absolutely amazing. He makes big shots," Rivers said of Williams. "Lou started making them early in the fourth quarter for us. He is one of those guys who is not scared." Danilo Gallinari had 20 points and 11 rebounds, while Montrezl Harrell added 20 points and 10 rebounds. Rookie Shai Gilgeous-Alexander also had a double-double with 14 points and 10 assists. The Nets dominated the early part of the game and led 46-27 with 8:07 left in the second quarter before the Clippers took over, going on a 33-9 run over the final eight minutes to take a 60-55 lead at halftime. Gallinari scored 13 and Harrell added 12 during the run as Los Angeles went 11 of 14 from the field and was 3 of 4 on 3-pointers. Brooklyn started the game making nearly half its shots from the field, but was 3 of 17 during the Clippers' run. A 3-pointer by Landry Shamet gave the Clippers an 11-point lead four minutes into the third quarter before the Nets fought back. It was tied at 87 going into the fourth quarter. "Teams are going to make runs, but we've got to take the same aggressive mentality that we had at the end of the game and bring it throughout the whole game," Carroll said. □

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# Kyle Busch's mark stands on its own not vs Petty's

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer  
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Kyle Busch has 200 NASCAR national series wins, the same number as Richard Petty, and the totals will never stack up equally into a pair of neat columns that make for an easy debate between the two.

The wins can never be compared because they were in different eras, under different NASCAR rules and against dramatically different levels of competition. Petty and Busch were born 48 years apart, and Busch didn't even meet the minimum age requirement to compete in NASCAR until 11 years after Petty's retirement.

So what is with the obsessive handwringing in comparing the statistics?

Busch on Sunday collected his 200th checkered flag with a victory at Auto Club Speedway in California. Petty won all 200 of his races at the Cup level. Busch's win at Fontana was the 53rd of his Cup career, but accompanies 53 Truck Series victories and 94 in the Xfinity Series — both records for NASCAR's minor league national series.

Win No. 200 came a day after he finished second in the Xfinity race and capped a three-week West Coast road trip in which Busch never finished lower



Kyle Busch celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Auto Club Speedway, in Fontana, Calif., Sunday, March 17, 2019.

than third in seven races. His stops in hometown Las Vegas, Phoenix and finally California netted back-to-back Cup wins, two Xfinity Series victories and a runner-up finish and a Truck Series win at Vegas.

For those keeping score at home, his average finish was 1.42 in seven events spanning three series.

His older brother, the 2004 series champion, succinctly summarized just how improbable Busch's accomplishments are on a weekly basis.

"When you are running

Trucks, Xfinity and Cup, you are wearing your body out every day going after it," Kurt Busch said after visiting his little brother in victory lane. "Anytime I've run Xfinity and then have to go back it up (the next day) with a Cup race, it puts a toll on your body. He just keeps going and going. I am proud of him."

So just remove Petty from the discussion. His 200 Cup victories are a record that will never be broken, and Busch did not break or even tie that mark. What Busch did stands on its own and,

no matter how his 200 victories are sliced and diced, he already rates as one of NASCAR's all-time greats.

Is he the greatest? That's an argument without an answer. There's zero consensus as to who holds that title, be it Petty, Dale Earnhardt or Jimmie Johnson, all seven-time champions. David Pearson won 105 races, beating Petty in many of them, so he deserves mention, as does four-time champion Jeff Gordon, who debuted in Petty's finale then blazed his own Hall of Fame career.

Associated Press

There's no denying that Busch is a polarizing figure among fans.

Many love his passion and drive — he didn't hide his disappointment in finishing second in the Daytona 500, which was a 1-2-3 Joe Gibbs Racing sweep and a monumental celebration for the organization. Because Busch didn't win, he didn't really feel like partying.

Other fans find him abrasive, accuse him of being a poor loser and discredit a bulk of those 200 victories because they came in lower series against drivers climbing the developmental ladder. He beat whoever lined up on the track with him, same as Petty did, and it is a stretch to claim Petty always beat the very best in NASCAR. His 1960 victory at Orange Speedway in Hillsborough featured all of 18 cars, eight of which didn't finish the race, and Petty was the only driver on the lead lap at the finish.

Busch seems to fall in the same category as Johnson, who won a record five consecutive Cup titles — seven total championships in 11 years — but has been underappreciated despite his dominance. Johnson's accomplishments have often been taken for granted, and perhaps another driver will come along one day and equal his feats. □

# Harper returns after bruising ankle, still hitless in spring



Philadelphia Phillies' Bryce Harper high-fives teammates after being taken out during the third inning of a spring training baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, Saturday, March 9, 2019, in Clearwater, Fla.

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Bryce Harper hopes to change all those zeros soon. Naw, not the ones in

his contract. Back in the lineup two days after being hit by a pitch in the ankle, the Phil-

lies newcomer with the \$330,000,000 deal was hitless Sunday, leaving him with a batting average of .000 in spring training.

His goal for the final week in Florida? "Definitely getting a couple knocks," Harper said. "I don't want to leave spring without a hit but if that happens, then March 28, here we come," Harper said.

That's the day Philadelphia opens the regular season, at home against the NL East champion Atlanta Braves. Harper returned as the designated hitter against the split-squad New York Yankees and went 0 for 3 with

a walk. The star outfielder will play in a minor league game Monday, take Tuesday off and return to a major league game on Wednesday.

On Friday, Harper was hit in the right ankle by a 96 mph fastball from Toronto rookie Trent Thornton and left the game. The decision to let Harper play Sunday came after a pregame workout that included running and hitting.

"Felt good," Harper said. "It was shocking I came in yesterday and not really any swelling, no bruising. Glad I was able to get out there and feel pretty normal."

Batting third, Harper took a called third strike on a 96 mph fastball from James Paxton in the first. Harper then grounded out to shortstop on another 96 mph offering from the left-hander. "The timing, definitely a little behind right now," Harper said. "A little late on some of the pitches against Paxton today. It's going to be a process."

Harper, who agreed to a 13-year contract in late February — almost two weeks after spring training began — Harper struck out swinging on a 90 mph pitch from Dellin Betances in the sixth. □



Austria's Marcel Hirscher, left, and United States' Mikaela Shiffrin hold the World Cup overall trophies, at the alpine ski finals in Soldeu, Andorra, Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Associated Press

## Shiffrin tops ski World Cup money list with record \$885K

**OBERHOFEN, Switzerland (AP)** — Mikaela Shiffrin earned a record 886,000 Swiss francs (\$885,000) in prize money during the World Cup ski season. Shiffrin's 17 victories — the most ever in a season — gave her at least double the amount of the next highest earner on the women's circuit. Petra Vlhova was second with 428,000 Swiss francs (\$427,000).

Marcel Hirscher, who won a record-extending eighth straight overall World Cup title, topped the men's list with 565,000 Swiss francs (\$564,000). Shiffrin won the women's overall title for the third straight year. World Cup organizers typically pay 45,000 Swiss francs (\$44,950) for a win. Prize money is paid down to 30th place, which usually earns \$500 (\$499). □

## Tour de France organizers unveil opening stages of 2020 race

**PARIS (AP)** — Sprinters and climbers will have a chance to shine at the start of next year's Tour de France. Race organizers have unveiled the details of the first two stages of the 2020 edition of cycling's showcase event, which will start in the Mediterranean city of Nice. The 170-kilometer opening stage consists of three laps on a circuit designed around Nice with a finish on the Promenade des Anglais that should favor sprinters. The profile of the second stage, which also finishes in Nice, is radically different with three difficult climbs, the Col de la Colmiagne, Col de Turini and Col d'Eze.

The Riviera city, which hosts the final stage of the Paris-Nice race each year, previously held the Grand Depart in 1981.



Colombia's Egan Arley Bernal Gomez, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, thanks teammate Poland's Michal Kwiatkowski, wearing the best sprinter's green jersey, as they cross the finish line of the eighth stage of the Paris Nice cycling race with start and finish in Nice, southeastern France, Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Associated Press

This year's race will begin in Brussels to celebrate the 50th anniversary of five-time champion Eddy Merckx's first win. □



Bianca Andreescu, of Canada, smiles as she hugs her trophy after defeating Angelique Kerber, of Germany, in the women's final at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament Sunday, March 17, 2019, in Indian Wells, Calif. Andreescu won 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Associated Press

## Thiem edges Federer in 3 sets to win Indian Wells title

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Thiem had lost in his previous two ATP Masters 1000 finals. But the 25-year-old Austrian's solid serve held up against Federer as it had throughout the tournament.

Thiem was broken just four times out of 61 service games in the tournament. He didn't lose serve during his semifinal win over Milos Raonic, facing only one break point in that match. Canadian teenager Bianca Andreescu upset Angelique Kerber 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 to win the women's title. Thiem and Andreescu earned \$1.3 million each. Federer and Thiem had split their four previous meetings, but Federer had won both of their hard-court matches without dropping a set.

He cruised through the first set in 36 minutes while getting broken for just the second time during his run to his ninth appearance in the final. But Federer broke back in the next game and served out the set.

"The way he was playing the first set was unreal," Thiem said. "I had to get used to it."

Thiem earned the only break of the second set in the fourth game, going up 3-1. Federer won just two

more games in the set.

Both players were on serve in the third set until Thiem collected the only break. Federer tried consecutive drop shots that Thiem retrieved for crosscourt forehand winners before the Austrian hit a winning forehand to lead 6-5.

"He did very well when he got up to the ball, stayed calm, made the shot," Federer said.

Federer won just one point on Thiem's serve in the final game.

"Just came up against somebody who was on the day a bit better when it really mattered," Federer said. "I have been in these positions so many times that I get over it very quickly."

Federer advanced to the final after rival Rafael Nadal withdrew before their semifinal match because of knee pain. Thiem also benefited from a walkover, reaching the semis when Gael Monfils withdrew with an Achilles injury.

Andreescu, an 18-year-old Canadian, became the first wild-card winner and second-youngest to claim the title in tournament history.

"The fricking champion of Indian Wells," Andreescu said. "It's crazy."

She overcame nerves, fatigue, arm and leg issues in

the final set to earn the first title of her fledgling career. Andreescu won on her fourth match point when Kerber netted a backhand. She broke Kerber three times in the third set, rallying from a 3-2 deficit to take four of the final five games.

Andreescu dropped her racket near the baseline and fell on her back, her legs in the air as she covered her face in disbelief. After getting up and exchanging kisses with Kerber, the teen bent down and kissed the sunbaked hard court and dropped to her back again, her arms and legs splayed, before grabbing her head.

Born in Canada, she later moved with her parents to Romania, where she first started playing tennis.

Kerber was the last of five seeded players that Andreescu knocked off in her seven matches.

"When she had the chances, she just go for it," Kerber said.

The Canadian followed in the footsteps of Naomi Osaka, who was a little-known 20-year-old when she won the title last year. Osaka used it as a springboard to win titles at the U.S. and Australian opens while ascending to the No. 1 ranking in January. □

# Union head praises Jays for raising minor league pay by half

By **JAKE SEINER**  
AP Sports Writer

**DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP)** — Union head Tony Clark lauded the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday for giving minor league players a 50 percent raise, and he hopes other clubs do the same. Representatives from the players' association visited the Blue Jays spring training camp a day after The Athletic reported the team planned to boost pay for all minor leaguers, some making as little as \$1,100 a month in recent seasons. Minor league players are not paid during spring training or the offseason. Those who don't receive lucrative signing bonuses often struggle to afford meals, rent and basic equipment like cleats and bats. Toronto is the first club to announce such a raise. "I'm glad there has been some dialogue and a decision made in the last week to suggest that guys are going to be compensated differently than they may have been in the past," he said. "We'll have to see how other teams either do or don't fall in line behind them." A lawsuit filed by former

minor league players alleging MLB violated minimum wage and overtime requirements was pre-empted last year when congress passed the "Save America's Pastime Act," which stripped minor leaguers of the protection of federal minimum wage laws. MLB has also pushed Arizona lawmakers to exempt minor league players from minimum wage laws there, a move that would affect hundreds of players who are not paid during spring training — despite working as many as 12 hours per day — and make only a few thousand dollars playing in the rookie-level Arizona League. Clark noted conditions in the minor leagues have not changed much since he played there in the early 1990s. Despite that, the union has accomplished little at the bargaining table on behalf of minor leaguers. Clark said he considers minor leaguers "a part of the puzzle" for the union, but added there are challenges to that relationship. Minor league players are not a part of the major league players' association, nor



Toronto Blue Jays' Cavan Biggio watches his home run off Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Vince Valasquez during the second inning of a spring training baseball game Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in Dunedin, Fla.

are they unionized themselves. "Although we don't represent legally the minor league group, we will continue to do the things that we can do to support them moving forward despite that," Clark said. Blue Jays vice president of baseball operations Ben Cherington told The Ath-

letic that Toronto hoped players would use the extra money to find better housing and food. It's not uncommon for minor leaguers to cram up to eight players into two-bedroom apartments, sleeping on air mattresses to stretch meager salaries. "We just feel like it's consistent with our values of trying to be a player-centered organization and give them every resource possible to be at their best," Cherington said. First-year Blue Jays skipper Charlie Montoyo was a minor league manager for 18 seasons. He said it's

**Associated Press** "awesome" that Toronto is boosting pay. "Hopefully that gives an idea to everybody else in baseball," he said. "That's awesome I think. I'm proud to be a Blue Jay by what we just did." Top prospects Bo Bichette and Cavan Biggio also praised the move. Both had big league fathers and received sizable signing bonuses, so the salary bump won't have much effect for them, but they're thrilled for less fortunate teammates. "It's definitely going to help a lot of people out," Bichette said. □

# Fitzpatrick agrees to \$11M, 2-year deal with Miami

By **STEVEN WINE**  
AP Sports Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** — Ryan Fitzpatrick will become the Miami Dolphins' caretaker quarterback. The well-traveled veteran agreed to terms Sunday on an \$11 million, two-year contract as a replacement to Ryan Tannehill and a placeholder until the Dolphins can draft their franchise quarterback. That could happen next month, but is more likely in 2020. The 36-year-old Fitzpatrick has a 50-75-1 record as a starter for seven NFL teams. He started seven games for Tampa Bay last year and had a passer rating of 100.4, which ranked ninth in the league. The Dolphins traded Tannehill on Friday to the Ten-



In this Nov. 18, 2018, file photo, Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (14) rushes for a touchdown against the New York Giants during an NFL football game in East Rutherford, N.J.

nessee Titans in a deal that also involved draft picks. Tannehill became Miami's starting quarterback as a rookie in 2012 and never took a snap in the postseason.

**Associated Press** After Miami went 7-9 last year, owner Stephen Ross fired coach Adam Gase, ordered a youth movement and acknowledged it may take several seasons to build a winner. □

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# Nevada considers technology to scan cellphones after crashes

By RYAN TARINELLI

Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)

— Most states ban texting behind the wheel, but a legislative proposal could make Nevada one of the first states to allow police to use a contentious technology to find out if a person was using a cellphone during a car crash.

The measure is igniting privacy concerns and has led lawmakers to question the practicality of the technology, even while acknowledging the threat of distracted driving.

The future of the Nevada proposal isn't clear. A similar measure introduced in 2017 failed in the New York Legislature, but lawmakers are considering it again.

Law enforcement officials argue that distracted driving is underreported and that weak punishments do little to stop drivers from tex-



In this May 10, 2017 file photo, Ben Lieberman poses for a photo at his home in Chappaqua, N.Y.

Associated Press

ting, scrolling or otherwise using their phones. Adding to the problem, they say there is no consistent police practice that holds those drivers accountable for traffic crashes, unlike drunken driving.

If the Nevada measure passes, it would allow police to use a device known

as the "textalyzer," which connects to a cellphone and looks for user activity, such as opening a Facebook messenger call screen. It is made by Israel-based company Cellebrite, which says the technology does not access or store personal content.

It has not been tested in the

field and is not being used by any law enforcement agencies. The company said the device could be tested in the field if the Nevada legislation passes.

Advocate Ben Lieberman, who lost his 19-year-old son to a crash where a driver had been texting, has become the face of the push for the device. The New York resident urged a panel of Nevada lawmakers to support the measure earlier this month, saying distracted driving should hold a greater social stigma.

"When I was growing up, drunk driving was a joke. Now it's not a joke," he told lawmakers earlier this month. "Device use is a joke. Make it so it's not funny." Opponents air concerns that the measure violates the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unreasonable search and seizure.

Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union, also raised questions over how the software will work and if it will be open sourced so the public can ensure it doesn't access personal content.

Lieberman points to a paper by Ric Simmons, a professor at Ohio State University's law school, arguing that testing a cellphone after a crash is "minimally intrusive" and does not violate the Fourth Amendment. In the initial version of the Nevada

proposal, drivers who refused to have their phones checked would have faced a 90-day suspension of their driver's license. An amendment by the measure's sponsor, Democratic Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, withdrew the penalty and said police must obtain a warrant if a driver refuses access.

The amendment led Democratic Assemblyman Ozzie Fumo to ask if the legislation was necessary because police already can get search warrants to access cellphones.

"Wouldn't it be better just to give this technology to (the police) and so that they can utilize it after they get the warrant already?" he said. "Nothing in this bill is actually new, 'cause the law enforcement (agency) already has the techniques and tools that we're providing."

A search warrant on a cellphone can yield additional information following a fatal crash, but that practice is not uniform among law enforcement agencies, said Steven Casstevens, a police chief in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, and first vice president for the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

John Whetsel, former sheriff of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, said the practice is not consistent among agencies because distracted driving is still a relatively new issue. Plus, laws vary between states and securing a search warrant for a phone can depend on an agency's resources, he said.

Gorelow, the measure's sponsor, argued that phone records only provide a "sliver" of information. Social media use, browsing the internet and playing games would not show up on those records, she told lawmakers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says 3,450 people died nationwide in 2016 from traffic crashes where distraction was an issue. About 14 percent involved someone using a cellphone, the agency said. □

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## Energy companies lead US stock indexes slightly higher

By **STAN CHOE**  
**ALEX VEIGA**  
Associated Press

U.S. stock indexes edged higher in afternoon trading Monday, riding the momentum from a solid rally last week.

Energy stocks led the gainers as crude oil prices climbed. Financial and consumer goods stocks also helped lift the market. Those gains outweighed losses in communications and health care sector companies. Stocks are coming off a strong week, when the S&P 500 resumed its torrid start to the year following a brief, five-day stumble. The index is back to within 3.7 percent of its record high, set in September, after clawing back all of its terrifying drop from December. One key to the recent rally has been the belief that the Federal Reserve will slow its pace of increases for interest rates. The worry in December was that the central bank would raise rates too fast in the face of a slowing global economy and choke off growth. The Fed will meet to discuss interest-rate policy this week, with an announcement scheduled for Wednesday, but economists expect it to announce no change to rates. Politicians in London, meanwhile, continued to haggle about the United Kingdom's pending departure from the European Union, which could have



In this March 12, 2019, file photo, trader Michael Milano works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

harmful effects for global trade. The Bank of England will announce its decision on interest rates later this week as well.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 rose 0.2 percent as of 1:28 p.m. Eastern time. It's up 12.8 percent for 2019 so far, which is a bigger gain than it's had in four of the last five full years. The Nasdaq composite edged up 0.1 percent and the Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks added 0.3 percent.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was essentially flat, up 11 points, or less than 0.1 percent, at 25,860. Major stock indexes in Europe were mostly higher.

**SPURTING HIGHER:** Benchmark U.S. crude oil was

headed higher, on track to settle above \$59 per barrel for the first time since November. The price of natural gas also strengthened, which helped lift shares across the energy sector.

National Oilwell Varco jumped 6.7 percent, Halliburton gained 3.4 percent and Marathon Petroleum rose 2.5 percent.

**PAY ME NOW:** As more transactions move online, the payment processing industry continues to consolidate. Fidelity National Information Services said Monday it will buy Worldpay for about \$35 billion in stock and cash. Including Worldpay's debt, Fidelity National Information Services valued the deal at \$43 billion. Worldpay's U.S.-

listed shares jumped 9.8 percent. Fidelity National Information Services, also called FIS, slipped 0.7 percent.

**HEALTHY GAINS:** Edwards Lifesciences vaulted 6.6 percent for the biggest gain in the S&P 500 after it said patients in a trial using an expandable valve had better results than those who had standard open-heart surgery.

**STILL GROUNDED:** Boeing fell further as the investigation continues into two recent deadly crashes of its 737 Max 8 plane model. Preliminary information shows clear similarities between the two.

Boeing declined 2.4 percent, following its 10.3 percent loss last week.

**FED WATCH:** The Fed begins a two-day meeting on rates Tuesday, and most investors are expecting very little to come out of it.

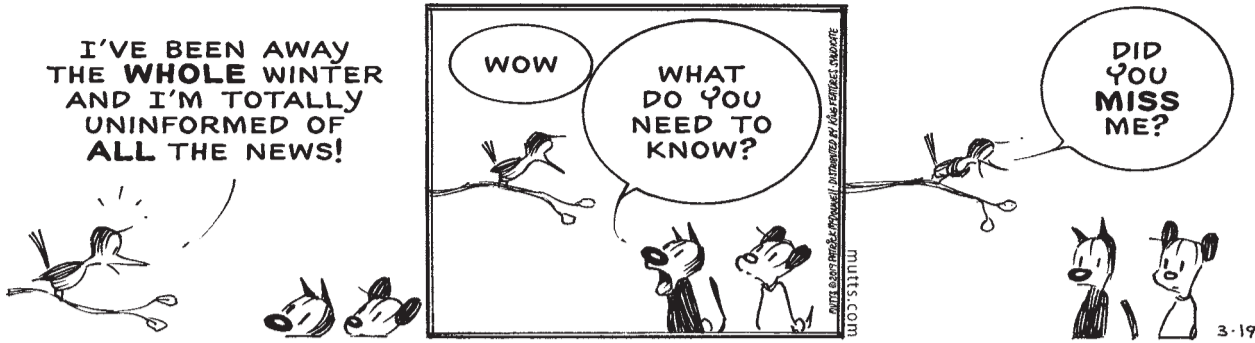
Investors were relieved when the central bank pledged early this year to take a patient approach. Some economists say the Fed could release documents Wednesday that would suggest one rate increase in 2019, or possibly zero, after the Fed raised rates four times in 2018 and three times in 2017.

Perhaps more important is what the Fed says about its vast trove of Treasuries. The central bank bought trillions of dollars of Treasuries after the 2008 financial crisis to keep interest rates low and support markets, but it's been slowly letting some roll off as they mature. Investors want to know how much in Treasuries the Fed will ultimately hold onto, and how long it will take to get there.

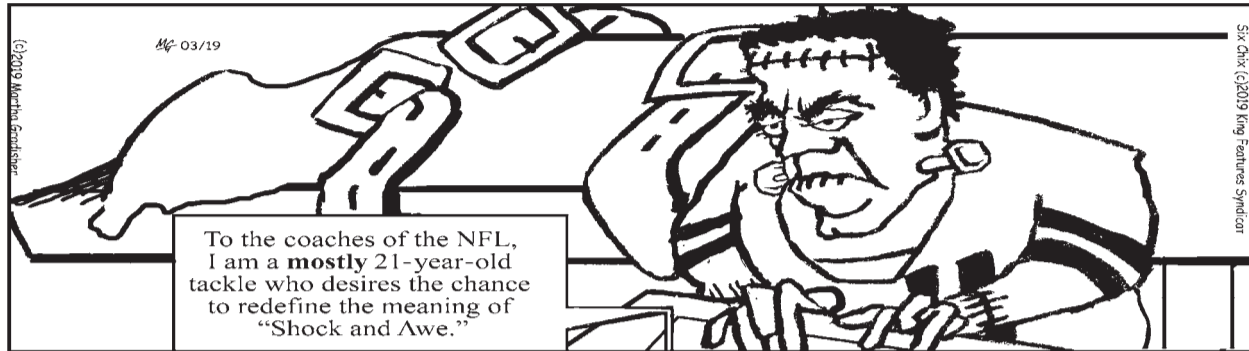
**SEARCHING FOR SINO SIGNS:** Investors are still waiting for more progress in the trade dispute between the world's two largest economies.

China's congress on Friday endorsed an investment law that aims to address complaints, particularly from the U.S., that China's system is rigged against foreign companies. The U.S. claims China forces companies to share technology in order to do business in the country. □

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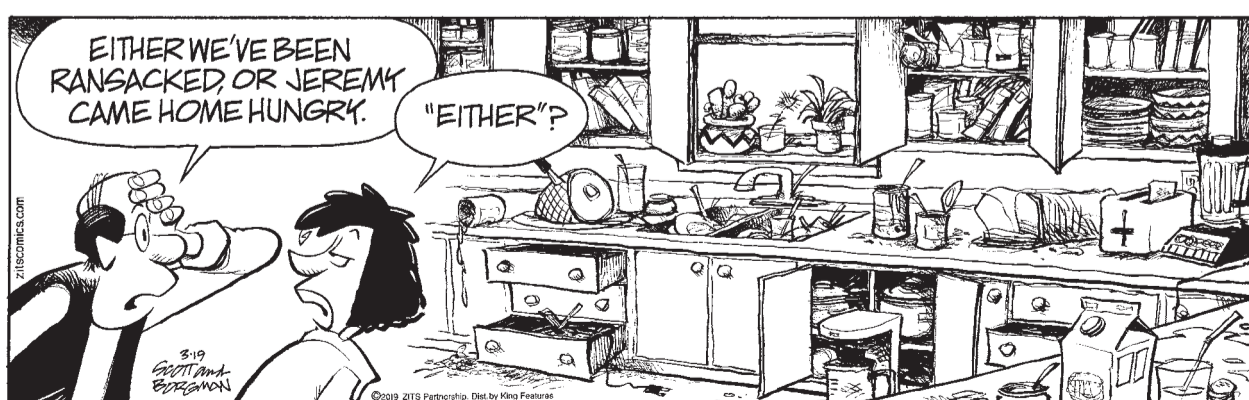
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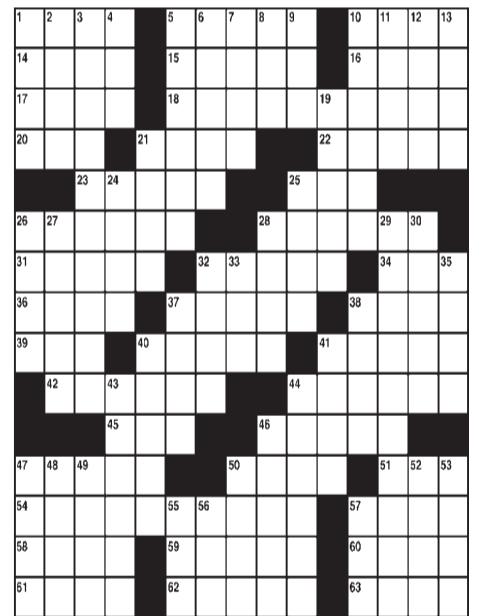
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Dorothy's dog
- 5 \_\_\_ as the hills
- 10 Playwright George Bernard \_\_\_
- 14 British noble
- 15 Disney dog
- 16 Easy to handle
- 17 Actor Everett
- 18 Harassed
- 20 Ancient barbarian
- 21 Charges
- 22 Some golf tournaments
- 23 Satchel feature
- 25 Greek letter
- 26 Engraver
- 28 William Randolph \_\_\_
- 31 Tear to bits
- 32 Gather bit by bit
- 34 Cheap metal
- 36 Agony
- 37 Courtroom event
- 38 Office note
- 39 Short sharp bark
- 40 More reserved
- 41 Cod and Canaveral
- 42 Address word
- 44 Bell tower
- 45 Ram's mate
- 46 Actress Burke
- 47 Make amends
- 50 Ring out
- 51 Ref's decision
- 54 Mississippi steamers
- 57 \_\_\_ pet; terra-cotta figurine
- 58 Rowing team
- 59 Creek
- 60 Heavens; providential
- 61 Laying birds
- 62 Lagers
- 63 Annoys



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**DOWN**

- 1 Georgia \_\_\_; Atlanta univ.
- 2 Home for 2/3 of Hawaiians
- 3 Court reporter's record
- 4 Over-the-hill
- 5 Come into view
- 6 Get some shut-eye
- 7 "\_\_\_ is not to reason why..."
- 8 TV's Columbo & others: abbr.
- 9 Female animal
- 10 Trance
- 11 Abhor
- 12 Prayer closing
- 13 Marries
- 19 Composer George M. \_\_\_
- 21 One of the Flintstones
- 24 Now and \_\_\_; occasionally
- 25 Genuine
- 26 Notice
- 27 Bangkok folks
- 28 Listen
- 29 Relative by marriage
- 30 Stopwatch
- 32 "True \_\_\_"; John Wayne film
- 33 Whopper
- 35 Too inquisitive
- 37 You, biblically
- 38 Thick sweet drink
- 40 Septic tank alternative
- 41 Jailbird's room
- 43 Extends one's subscription
- 44 Wild animals
- 46 \_\_\_ from; talk out of
- 47 Curved beam overhead
- 48 Michelin product
- 49 Microwave, e.g.
- 50 Not at all ruddy
- 52 Hose problem
- 53 Quaker product
- 55 Overalls part
- 56 Afternoon hour
- 57 TV crime drama series

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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# Are eggs good or bad for you? New research rekindles debate

By **LINDSEY TANNER**  
AP Medical Writer

The latest U.S. research on eggs won't go over easy for those who can't eat breakfast without them.

Adults who ate about 1 ½ eggs daily had a slightly higher risk of heart disease than those who ate no eggs. The study showed the more eggs, the greater the risk. The chances of dying early were also elevated.

The researchers say the culprit is cholesterol, found in egg yolks and other foods, including shellfish, dairy products and red meat. The study focused on eggs because they're among the most commonly eaten cholesterol-rich foods. They can still be part of a healthy diet, but in smaller quantities than many Americans have gotten used to, the researchers say.

U.S. dietary guidelines that eased limits on cholesterol have helped eggs make a comeback.

The study has limitations and contradicts recent research, but is likely to rekindle the long-standing debate about eggs.

The new results were published online Friday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

## THE STUDY

Researchers at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and elsewhere pooled results from six previous studies, analyzing data on almost 30,000 U.S. adults who self-reported daily food intake. Participants were followed for roughly 17 years, on average.

The researchers calculated that those who ate 300 milligrams of cholesterol daily — about 1 ½ eggs — were 17 percent more likely to develop heart disease than those who didn't eat



In this May 14, 2008 file photo, cartons of eggs are displayed for sale in the Union Square green market in New York.

eggs.

The researchers based their conclusions on what participants said they ate at the start of each study. They took into account high blood pressure, smoking, obesity and other traits that could contribute to heart problems. Risks were found with eggs and cholesterol in general; a separate analysis was not done for every cholesterol-rich food.

Dr. Bruce Lee of Johns Hopkins University, said nutrition studies are often weak because they rely on people remembering what they ate.

"We know that dietary recall can be terrible," said Lee. The new study offers only observational data but doesn't show that eggs and cholesterol caused heart disease and deaths, said Lee, who wasn't involved in the research.

Senior author Norrina Allen, a preventive medicine specialist, noted that the study lacks information on wheth-

er participants ate eggs hard-boiled, poached, fried, or scrambled in butter, which she said could affect health risks.

Some people think "I can eat as many eggs as I want" but the results suggest moderation is a better approach, she said.

## THE DEBATE

Eggs are a leading source of dietary cholesterol, which once was thought to be strongly related to blood cholesterol levels and heart disease. Older studies suggesting that link led to nutrition guidelines almost a decade ago that recommended consum-

ing no more than 300 milligrams of cholesterol daily; one egg contains about 186 milligrams.

Newer research questioned that relationship, finding that saturated fats contribute more to unhealthy levels of blood cholesterol that can lead to heart problems.

The latest U.S. government nutrition guidelines, from 2015, removed the strict daily cholesterol limit. While eating as little cholesterol as possible is still advised, the recommendations say eggs can still be part of a healthy diet, as a good source of protein, along

with lean meat, poultry, beans and nuts. Nutrition experts say the new study is unlikely to change that advice.

## BOTTOM LINE

Dr. Frank Hu of Harvard University noted that most previous studies have shown that eating a few eggs weekly is not linked with risks for heart disease in generally healthy people.

"I don't think that this study would change general healthy eating guidelines" that emphasize fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts and beans and limiting processed meats and sugar, Hu said. Eggs, a breakfast staple for many, can be included but other options should also be considered, "like whole grain toast with nut butter, fresh fruits, and yogurt," Hu said.

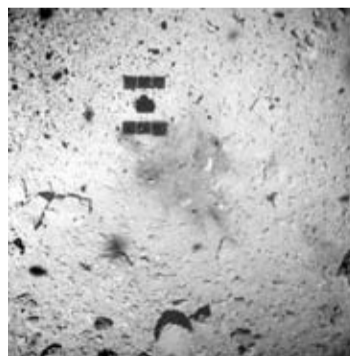
Dr. Rosalind Coleman, a professor of nutrition and pediatrics at the University of North Carolina, offered broader advice.

"The main message for the public is not to select a single type of food as 'bad' or 'good' but to evaluate your total diet in terms of variety and amount.

"I'm sorry if it seems like a boring recommendation," she added, but for most people, the most important diet advice "should be to maintain a healthy weight, to exercise, and to get an adequate amount of sleep." □

Associated Press

# Japan to make crater on asteroid to get underground samples



Associated Press

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**  
Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Japan's space agency said Monday that its Hayabusa2 spacecraft will follow up last month's touchdown on

a distant asteroid with another risky mission — dropping an explosive on the asteroid to make a crater and then collect underground samples for possible clues to the origin of the solar system. Hayabusa2 made history on Feb. 22 when it successfully touched down on the boulder-strewn asteroid and collected some surface fragments.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said Hayabusa2 will drop an impactor the size of a baseball weighing 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) on the asteroid on

April 5 to collect samples from deeper underground that have not been exposed to the sun or space rays. The mission will require the spacecraft to move quickly to the other side of the asteroid so it won't get hit by flying shards from the blast, JAXA project engineer Takanao Saeki said. "It will be very challenging." While moving away, Hayabusa2 will leave a camera to capture the outcome. The spacecraft is to wait a few weeks before returning to the area above the crater for observations. □

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## Brooks &amp; Dunn, Ray Stevens to join Country Hall of Fame

BY KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Country hit-making duo Brooks & Dunn are riding a resurgence of interest in '90s-era country music with a new album celebrating their top-selling singles, a longstanding Las Vegas residency and now an invitation to join the Country Music Hall of Fame. The duo, along with comedic singer Ray Stevens and record label head Jerry Bradley, were announced Monday as this year's inductees and will be formally inducted during a ceremony later this year.

"There's a lot going on at this stage that generally doesn't happen," Ronnie Dunn told The Associated Press after the press conference inside the Hall of Fame's rotunda featuring plaques honoring the icons of the industry. Their new album, "Reboot," out April 5, features the duo on new



Ray Stevens, from left, Jerry Bradley, Ronnie Dunn, and Kix Brooks pose at a press conference announcing that they will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame Monday, March 18, 2019, in Nashville, Tenn.

versions of their hits with today's country stars such as Kacey Musgraves, Luke Combs and Kane Brown. With more than 20 No. 1 country hits, the Grammy-winning pair is the most awarded duo by the Country Music Association, earn-

ing 14 vocal duo awards over their careers. They started as solo singers but were encouraged to join up as a duo and had immediate success with a string of hits, starting with "Brand New Man," "My Next Broken Heart," "Neon

Moon" and "Boot Scootin' Boogie." With multi-platinum sales, they became one of country's biggest touring acts for decades, combining Brooks' big personality and guitar work and Ronnie's singing.

"Back in the day, in the '90s, everything was sensationalized and country had hit arenas and stadiums," Dunn said. "We jumped right in on all fours."

The duo split up in 2010 and they both started working on solo projects, but reunited in 2015 for what's turned into a four-year residency in Las Vegas with Reba McEntire.

Stevens, 80, is known for singing zany hits like "The Streak," but also sentimental ones like the Grammy-winning "Everything Is Beautiful." Stevens is a multi-faceted artist who started as a session musician in Nashville and has been a TV personality, producer, publisher, songwriter and entertainer for six decades. He recorded comedy albums and videos and opened a theater in Branson, Missouri. He currently has a dinner theater show in Nashville called "CabaRay." □

# Oscar Isaac shows off his Spanish in 'Triple Frontier'

By SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS  
Associated Press  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Oscar Isaac says he's pleased to be making more use of his Spanish in his newest film, "Triple Frontier."

The Guatemalan-American star of "Star Wars" and "Ex Machina" plays a former special forces operative leading a dangerous heist in South America in this J.C. Chandor directed

film, which begins streaming on Netflix on Wednesday after a weeklong run in theaters.

"I hope to make a whole movie in Spanish," Isaac said in a recent interview, speaking in a mix of his mother's tongue and English. He noted this is the most he's ever spoken Spanish onscreen; his only other bilingual role was 2014's "A Most Violent Year," also



This image released by Netflix, shows Oscar Isaac, left and Ben Affleck in a scene from the film, "Triple Frontier."

and at the same time an opportunity to get rich, so that's why he goes and enlists the help of these former soldier friends."

He also liked that the movie sheds light on the difficulties that many veterans face after their service has ended.

"I think that's definitely something that happens not only for the special forces but the military at large," Isaac said. "People dedicate their life to serving a country and when they get out, you know, they've spent a lot of time and blood and sanity in difficult, very traumatic situations, and they're expected to just suddenly switch and become a civilian. They find it very difficult to get jobs ... and the government doesn't take enough care of the veterans."

This is the first Netflix movie for Isaac, who considers the ongoing Hollywood debate about streaming versus big screen experience a "definitely important one" but as a parent he appreciates being able to watch good productions from home. □

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In "Triple Frontier" his character, Santiago "Pope" Garcia, gathers his old brothers in arms — played by Ben Affleck, Charlie Hunnam, Garrett Hedlund and Pedro Pascal — with the promise of "one last job" that could turn into a major payday. Their plan hinges on taking down an elusive drug lord at his hideaway in a South American jungle and stealing millions with the help of an infiltrator (Yovanna, played by Adria Arjona).

It's the first time they undertake a mission for their own

benefit instead of one for their country, and things spiral out of control when their plan takes an unexpected turn.

Isaac said that he found Pope interesting because of its contradictions. "He's definitely someone who's honorable and believes in the mission that he's doing," he said. "He is interested in helping his country but he's also frustrated because he's been down there investing a lot of his time and it just seems impossible. He sees an opportunity to take out this very bad drug dealer ...

## Pete Townshend novel, 'The Age of Anxiety,' out in November

**Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Who's Pete Townshend, the man who helped invent the rock opera, has now written a rock novel.

Hachette Books announced Tuesday that the British composer-guitarist's "The Age of Anxiety" was scheduled for Nov. 5. Set in London, the novel takes on the torments of creativity and the music business and "deals with mythic and operatic themes including a maze, divine madness, and long-lost children." In a statement issued through his publisher, Townshend said he hopes to expand the story into an opera and art installation.

"Ten years ago I decided to create a magnum opus that would combine opera, art installation and novel," he said. "Suddenly



In this July 13, 2017, file photo, Pete Townshend of The Who performs during the Festival d'ete de Quebec in Quebec City, Canada.

here I am with a completed novel ready to publish. I am an avid reader and have really enjoyed writing it. I am also happy to say the majority of the music is composed, ready to be polished up for release and performance. It's tremendously exciting."

No dates have been set for the music's release or for

the art installation.

He also has longstanding connections to the literary world. He has worked as an editor at the publishing house Faber & Faber, which in 1985 published his story collection "Horse's Neck." In the 1990s, he adapted poet Ted Hughes' children's book "Iron Man" for a rock musical. □

## Dick Dale, King of Surf Guitar, 'Miserlou' composer, is dead

By LINDSEY BAHR  
JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Dick Dale, whose pounding, blaringly loud power-chord instrumentals on songs like "Miserlou" and "Let's Go Trippin'" earned him the title King of the Surf Guitar, has died at age 83.

His former bassist Sam Bolle says Dick Dale passed away Saturday night. No other details were available.

Dale liked to say it was he and not the Beach Boys who invented surf music — and some critics have said he was right.

An avid surfer, Dale started building a devoted Los Angeles fan base in the late 1950s with repeated appearances at Newport Beach's old Rendezvous Ballroom. He played "Miserlou," "The Wedge," "Night Rider" and other compositions at wall-rattling volume on a custom-made Fender Stratocaster guitar.

"Miserlou," which would become his signature song, had been adapted from a Middle Eastern folk tune Dale heard as a child and later transformed into a thundering surf-rock instrumental.

His fingering style was so frenetic that he shredded guitar picks during songs, a technique that forced him to stash spares on his guitar's body. "Better shred than dead," he liked to joke, an expression that eventually became the title of a 1997 anthology released by Rhino Records.

Dale said he developed



In this May 27, 2007 file photo, Dick Dale, known as "The King of the Surf Guitar," performs at B.B. King Blues Club in New York. Dale has died at age 81.

his musical style when he sought to merge the sounds of the crashing ocean waves he heard while surfing with melodies inspired by the rockabilly music he loved.

He pounded rather than plucked the strings of his guitar in a style he said he borrowed from an early musical hero, the great jazz drummer Gene Krupa.

"Dale pioneered a musical genre that Beach Boy Brian Wilson and others would later bring to fruition," Rolling Stone magazine said in its "Encyclopedia of Rock & Roll" adding "Let's Go Trippin'" was released

in 1961, two months ahead of the Beach Boys' first hit, "Surfin.'" The magazine called Dale's song "the harbinger of the '60s surf music craze."

Although popular around Southern California, Dale might have remained just a cult figure if surfing had not exploded in worldwide popularity during his peak creative years.

When the first of a series of "Beach Party" movies made to cash in on the phenomenon was released in 1963, it included Dick Dale and the Del-Tones performing "Secret Surfing Spot" as teen heartthrob Annette

Funicello danced on the beach. Dale had released his first album, "Surfer's Choice," a year earlier. He followed it with four more over the next two years while appearing in several "Beach Party" sequels and other surfer movies.

Other popular Dale songs included "Jungle Fever," "Shake-N-Stomp" and "Swingin' and Surfin'."

His star dimmed after the Beatles led music's British invasion onto the pop charts in 1964 and his record label dropped him. His career also was sidelined by a battle with cancer in the 1960s and a serious foot infection

in the 1970s that was the result of a surfing injury.

His musical influence was profound and included guitar virtuosos Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan and movie director Quentin Tarantino, who selected Dale's "Miserlou," as the theme song of his 1994 film "Pulp Fiction." That helped pull the guitarist back into the pop-culture spotlight.

Dale himself had begun to launch a comeback with the 1987 film "Back to the Beach," which reunited Funicello and her co-star Frankie Avalon as a middle-aged couple returning to their old surfing haunts. He teamed up with Vaughan to record the classic surf instrumental "Pipeline" for that film, earning the pair a Grammy nomination.

In 1993 he released "Tribal Thunder," his first album of all new material in nearly 30 years. He followed it with "Unknown Territory" the following year.

Dale continued to tour into his 80s, in part he said to pay the medical bills that advancing age was saddling him with. Having beaten cancer in the 1960s, he suffered a serious recurrence in 2015.

Born Richard Anthony Monson in Boston on May 4, 1937, Dale moved to Los Angeles with his family in 1954, where he immediately fell in love with surfing and the electric guitar.

As a child, he listened to Lebanese and Polish folk tunes played by his parents. Eventually he graduated to big band, swing, country and rockabilly. □

## YouTube star Lilly Singh to host NBC late-night show



In this April 19, 2018 file photo, Lilly Singh arrives at WE Day California at The Forum in Inglewood, Calif.

Associated Press

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — NBC is shaking up late-night TV, giving Carson Daly's slot to a woman of color who's a star on YouTube.

The network said Thursday that a new show, titled "A Little Late with Lilly Singh," will air at 1:35 a.m. EDT beginning in September.

Singh will be the only woman to host a daily late-night show on a major broadcast

network. Her half-hour program will include in-studio interviews and pre-taped comedy sketches, NBC said.

In a statement, Singh called the prospect of being an Indian-Canadian woman with her own late-night show "a dream come true."

Her acting credits include HBO's movie "Fahrenheit 451," "Bad Moms"

and "Ice Age: Collision Course."?

Singh's YouTube channel, in which she creates comedic and other videos, has more than 14 million subscribers, NBC said.

Last month, Daly said he's decided it's time to bring his "Last Call" show to an end as he focuses on new and continuing projects, as host and producer of NBC's "The Voice." □

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